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EMINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

EVIDENCE

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, October 9, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chairperson

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDING (Meeting No. 1

Thursday, October 9, 1997.

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 9:00 o'clock a.m., th Room 308, West Block, for the purpose of organization.

Members of the Committee present: Gérard Asselin, Gilles Bernier, Gerry Byrne, David Chatters, Roy C Raymonde Folco, Jocelyne Girard-Bujold, Yvon Godin, Jim Gouk, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard, Carm Provenzano, Darrel Stinson and Brent St. Denis.

Acting Members present: Bob Nault for Ben Serré; Paul Steckle for Bob Wood.

Other Members present: Gerald Keddy.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages and Jack Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106 (1), the Clerk presided over the election of the Chair.

On motion of Ovid Jackson, it was agreed,--That Brent St. Denis do take the Chair of this Committee as Chairperson.

On motion of Raymonde Folco, it was agreed,--That Ben Serré (in absentia) be elected Vice-Chair of th Committee.

On motion of Darrel Stinson, it was agreed, -- That David Chatters be elected Vice-Chair of the Committ

On motion of Bob Nault, it was agreed,--That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive eviden a quorum is not present provided that at least 5 members are present, including 1 member of the Opposi

On motion of Gerry Byrne, it was agreed,--That witnesses be given 10 minutes for their opening statem that during the questioning of witnesses, time be allocated to all parties, in proportion to their representa House, at the discretion of the Chair.

It was agreed,--That the Committee retain the services of one or more Research Officers from the Librar Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Bob Nault, it was agreed,--That, at the discretion of the Chair, reasonable travelling expen the regulations established by the Board of Internal Economy be paid to witnesses invited to appear befo Committee, and that payment of these expenses be limited to a maximum of two representatives per orga with exceptions to be ruled by the Chair.

On motion of Bob Nault, it was agreed,--That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute, in original language, the documents received from the public and that the Clerk of the Committee ensure th documents are translated and the translation distributed as promptly as possible.

David Chatters moved,--That, whenever Order in Council appointments are referred to this Committee, shall obtain and circulate to each Member of the Committee a copy of said appointments.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed that the question be allowed to stand.

At 10:20 o'clock a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

EVIDENCE

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, October 21, 1997

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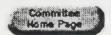
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDING (Meeting No. 2)

Tuesday, October 21, 1997

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met *in camera* at 11:05 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 371, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gérard Asselin, Gilles Bernier, Gerry Byrne, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Raymonde Folco, Yvon Godin, Jim Gouk, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard, Carmen Provenzano, Ben Serré, Darrel Stinson, Brent St. Denis and Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: : Jean-Luc Bourdages and Jack Stilborn, Research Officers.

The Committee considered its future business.

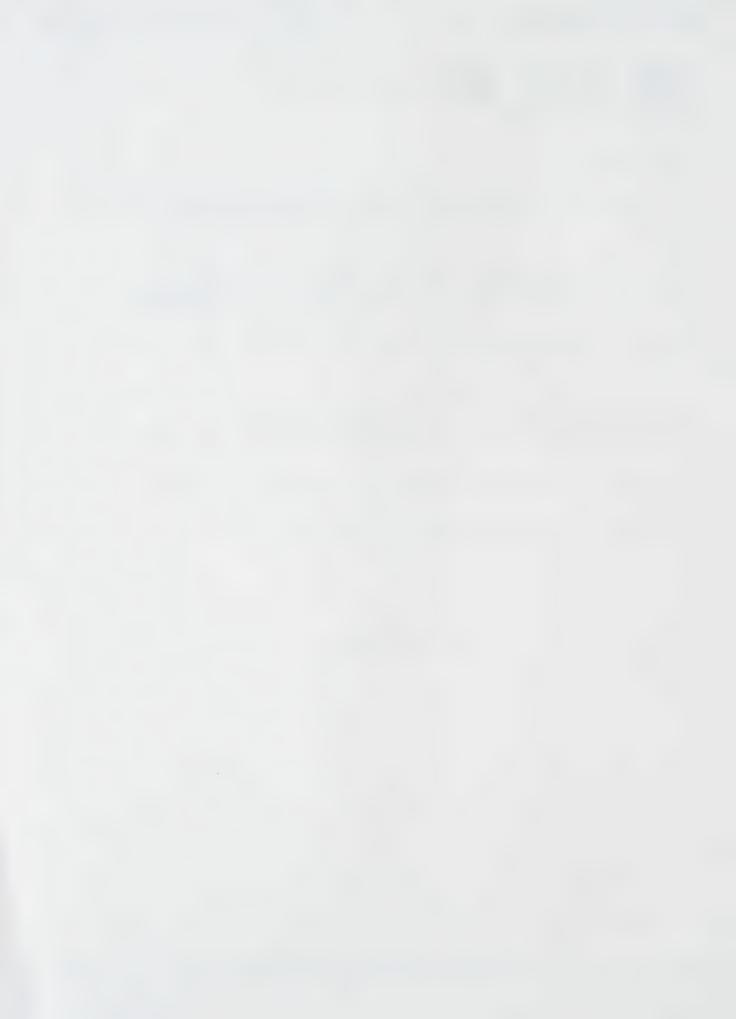
ORDERED--That whenever Order in Council appointments are referred to this Committee, the Clerk shall obtain and circulate to each Member of the Committee a copy of the said appointments.

It was agreed--That the Committee examine the issues surrounding the Kyoto Conference on climate change.

At 12:30 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee



EVIDENCE

Standing Committee on

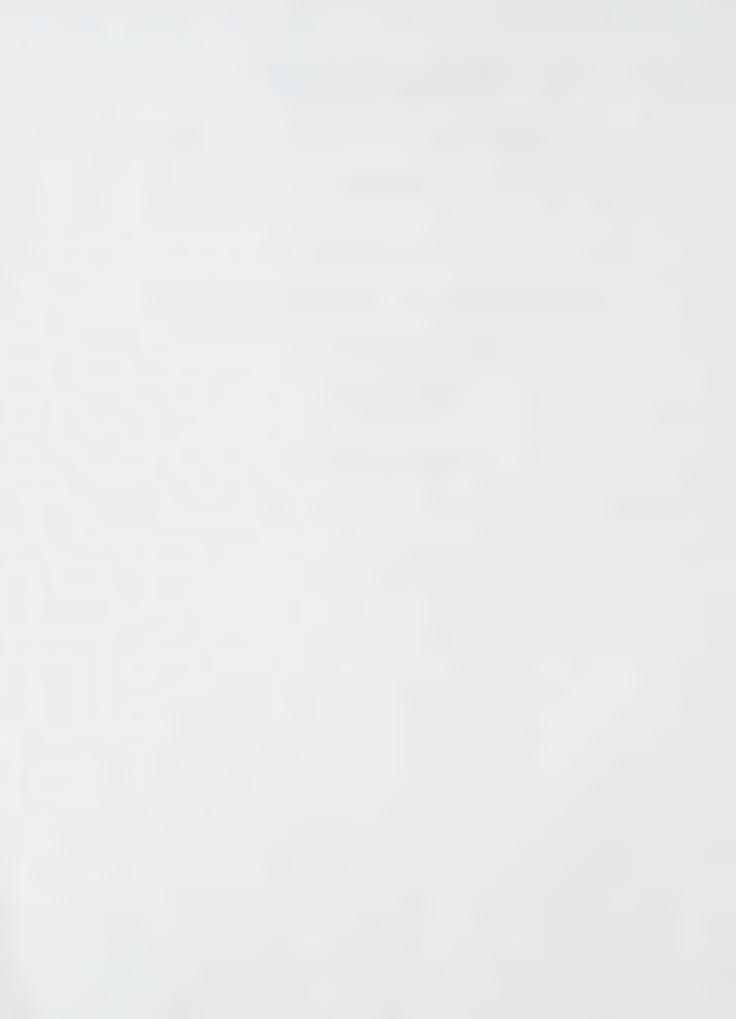
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Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

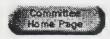
Meeting No. 3

Thursday, October 23, 1997

IN CAMERA









MINUTES OF PROCEEDING (Meeting No. 3)

Thursday, October 23, 1997

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met in camera at 11:05 o'c this day, in room 371, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gérard Asselin, Gilles Bernier, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Raymo Jocelyne Girard-Bujold, Yvon Godin, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard, Carmen Provenzano, Ben Serré, B Denis and Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: : Jean-Luc Bourdages and Jack Research Officers.

The Committee considered its future business.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), the Committee considered the Third Repo Standing Committee on Natural Resources, presented to the House during the Thirty-Fifth Parliament en "Think Rural" and concurred in the findings of this report.

At 11:45 o'clock a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, October 28, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Briefing Session

WITNESSES:

Department of Public Works and Government Services:

Denis Paquet, Manager, Parliamentary Affairs;

Jim Stobbe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Government Operational Service.

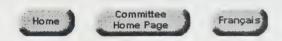
Privy Council Office:

Ronald Bilodeau, Associate Secretary to the Cabinet and Deputy Clerk of the Privy Council;

Peter Harrison, Associate Deputy Minister and Head, La Relève Task Force;

Michael Horgan, Deputy Secretary, International Policy and Communications.





MINUTES OF PROCEEDING (Meeting No. 4

Thursday, October 28, 1997

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:10 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 701, La Promenade, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roy Cullen, Raymonde Folco, Jocelyne Girard-Bujold, Jim Gouk, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard and Carmen Provenzano.

Acting Members present: Angela Vautour for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: : Jean-Luc Bourdages and Jack Stilborn, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Public Works and Government Services: Jim Stobbe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Government Operational Service; Denis Paquet, Manager, Parliamentary Affairs. From the Privy Council Office: Ronald Bilodeau, Associate Secretary to the Cabinet and Deputy Clerk of the Privy Council; Peter Harrison, Associate Deputy Minister and Head, La Relève Task Force; Michael Horgan, Deputy Secretary, Intergovernmental Policy and Communications; Elizabeth Nadeau, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), a briefing on the operations of the Privy Council Office and the Department of Public Works and Government Services.

Jim Stobbe made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 12:09 o'clock p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:11 o'clock p.m., the sitting resumed.

Ronald Bilodeau, Peter Harrison and Michael Horgan made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 1:00 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 5

Thursday, October 30, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), a briefing on the operations of Natural Resources Canada

WITNESSES:

Department of Natural Resources:

Jacques Carette, Director General, Policies, Planning and International Affairs Branch;

Marc Corey, Director General, Mapping Services Branch, Earth Science Sector;

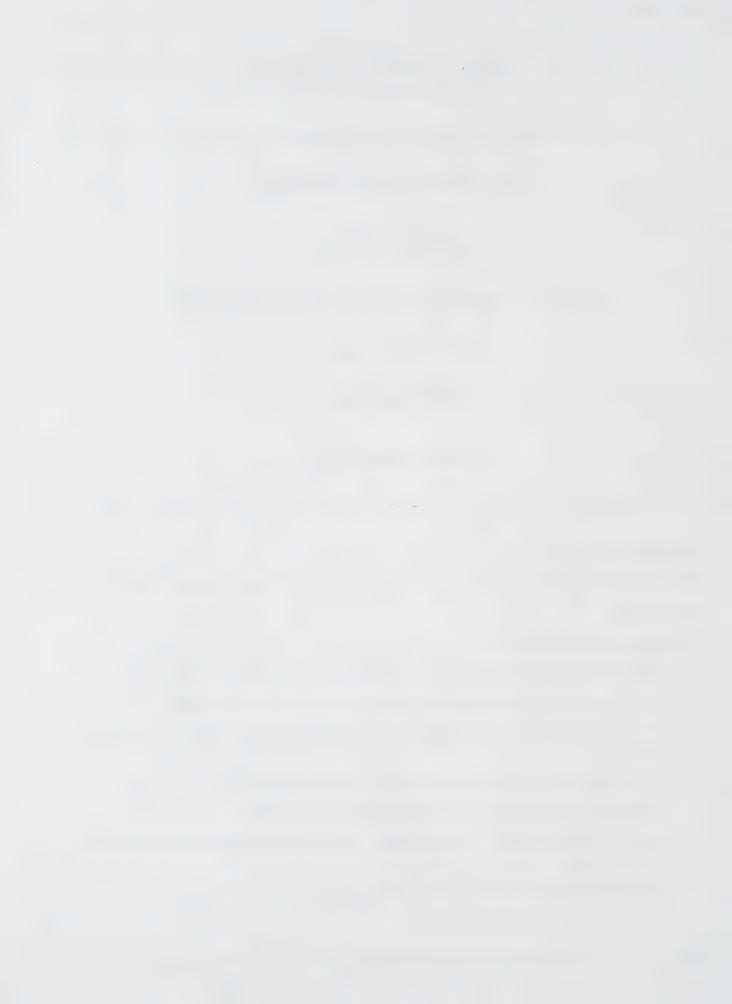
Murray Duke, Director General, Minerals and Regional Geoscience Branch, Earth Science Sector;

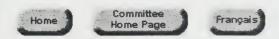
Marc Denis Everell, Assistant Deputy Minister, Earth Sciences Sector;

Yvan Hardy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Forest Service;

Doug Ketcheson, Director General, Industry, Economics and Programs Branch, Forest Service Sector;

Gordon Miller, Director General, Science Branch, Canadian Forest Service.





MINUTES OF PROCEEDING (Meeting No. 5)

Thursday, October 30, 1997.

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:05 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 308, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gérard Asselin, Gilles Bernier, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Raymonde Folco, Yvon Godin, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard, Carmen Provenzano, Ben Serré, Darrel Stinson, Brent St. Denis and Bob Wood.

Acting Members present: René Canuel for Jocelyne Girard-Bujold.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: : Jean-Luc Bourdages and Jack Stilborn, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From Natural Resources Canada: Dr. Yvan Hardy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Forestry Service; Peter Fisher, Director General, Policy, Planning Information and Services Branch; Murray Duke, Director General, Minerals and Regional Geoscience Branch; Dr. Marc Denis Everell, Assistant Deputy Minister, Earth Sciences Sector; Jacques Carette, Director General, Policy Planning and International Affairs Branch; Gordon Miller, Director General, Science Branch; Doug Ketcheson, Director General, Industry, Economics and Programs Branch.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), a briefing on the operations of Natural Resources Canada.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:12 o'clock p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:15 o'clock p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 1:00 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, November 4, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

First session on global climate change

WITNESSES:

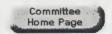
Passmore Associates International: Jeff Passmore, President.

 ${\it United Nations\ Intergovernmental\ Panel\ on\ Climate\ Change:}$

Jim Bruce, Member, Working Group No. 3.









MINUTES OF PROCEEDING (Meeting No. 6)

Tuesday, November 4, 1997

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:15 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 269, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gérard Asselin, Gilles Bernier, Gerry Byrne, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Raymonde Folco, Jocelyne Girard-Bujold, Yvon Godin, Jim Gouk, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard, Carmen Provenzano, Ben Serré, Brent St. Denis, Darrel Stinson and Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change: Jim Bruce, Member, Working Group No. 3. From Passmore Associates International: Jeff Passmore, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), an examination of issues surrounding the Kyoto Conference on Climate Change.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in camera to study its future business.

At 1:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 7

Thursday, November 6, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of issues in advance of the Kyoto conference on climate change

WITNESSES:

Canadian Chemical Producers' Association:

Richard Paton, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Petroleum Products Institute:

Jack Belletrutti, Vice-President;

Robert Clapp, Vice-President.

Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development:

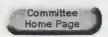
Robert Hornung, Director, Climate Change.

Sierra Club of Canada:

Louise Comeau, Campaign Director for Climate Change.









MINUTES OF PROCEEDING (Meeting No 7)

Thursday, November 6, 1997

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:05 o'clock a.m. this day, in room 371, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gérard Asselin, Gilles Bernier, Roy Cullen, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard, Carmen Provenzano, Darrel Stinson, Brent St. Denis and Bob Wood.

Acting Members present: Julian Reed for Raymonde Folco; Eugene Bellemare for Ben Serré.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Petroleum Products Institute: Jack Belletrutti, Vice-President; Robert Clapp, Vice-President. From the Canadian Chemical Producers' Association: Richard Paton, President and Chief Executive Officer; Bruce Caswell, Senior Project Manager. From the Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development: Robert Hornung, Director, Climate Change. From the Sierra Club of Canada: Louise Comeau, Campaign Director for Climate Change.

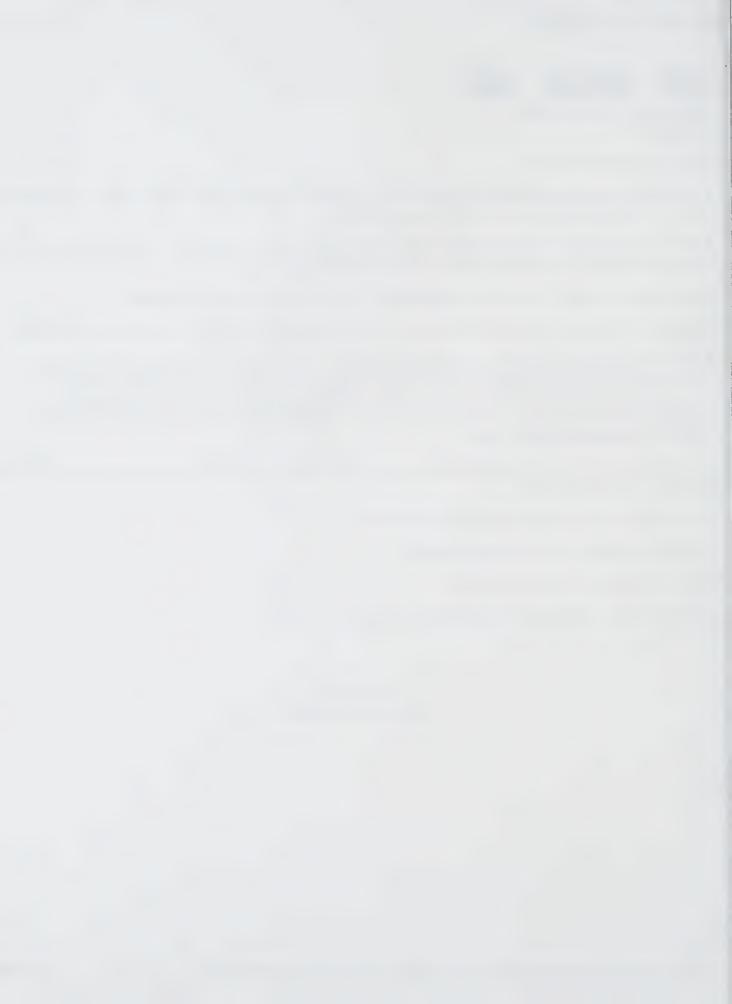
In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), an examination of the issues surrounding the Kyoto Conference on Climate Change.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:05 o'clock p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:10 o'clock p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 1:00 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, November 18, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of issues in advance of the Kyoto conference on climate change

WITNESSES:

Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers:

David Manning, President.

Canadian Pulp and Paper Association:

Doug Bradley, Director, Corporate Planning;

Lucie Desforges, Director, Corporate Planning;

Claude Roy, Senior Director, Environment, Health and Safety Programs.

Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association:

Carol A. Moreau, Manager, Government Relations, Ford Motor Company of Canada Ltd;

Mark A. Nantais, President;

Roger Thomas, Manager, General Motors of Canada.

Conference Board of Canada:

Al Howatson, Research Associate;

Gilles Rhéaume, Vice-President, Innovation and Regulatory Affairs.

Global Change Strategies International:

Doug Russell, Principal Director.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDING (Meeting No.8)

Tuesday, November 18, 1997.

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:05 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 371, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gérard Asselin, Gilles Bernier, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Raymonde Folco, Yvon Godin, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard, Carmen Provenzano, Darrel Stinson and Brent St. Denis.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: : Jean-Luc Bourdages, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers: David Manning, President; Chris Peirce, Vice President, Strategic Planning. From the Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association: Mark A. Nantais, President; Jim Lanigan, Manager, Chrysler Canada Limited; Carol A. Moreau, Manager, Government Relations, Ford Motor Company Canada Limited; Roger Thomas, Manager, General Motors of Canada Limited. From the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association: Claude Roy, Senior Director, Environment, Health and Safety Programs; Lucie Desforges, Director, Environment and Energy; Doug Bradley, Director, Corporate Planning. From the Conference Board of Canada: Gilles Rheaume, Vice-President, Policy, Business and Society; Al Howatson, Research Associate. From Global Change Strategies International: Doug Russel, Principal Director.

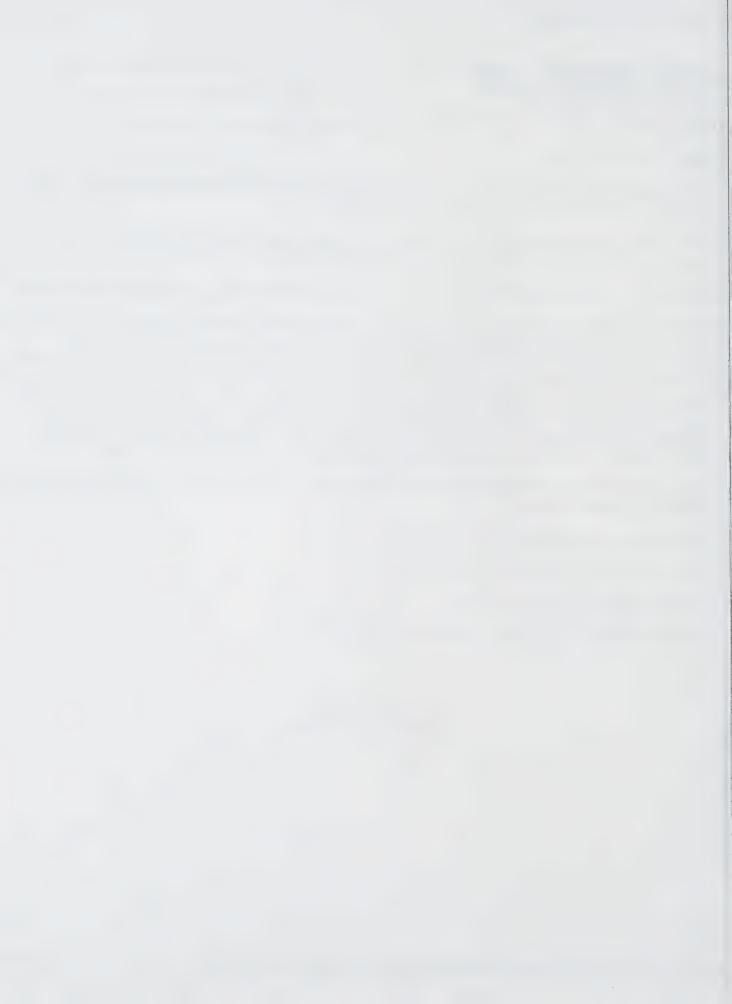
In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), an examination of the issues surrounding the Kyoto Conference on Climate Change.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:13 o'clock p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:15 o'clock p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 1:10 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 9

Thursday, November 20, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Examination of the issues surrounding the Conference on Climate Change

WITNESSES:

Canadian Electricity Association:

Pierre Guimond, Senior Adviser, Government Relations;

Roy Staveley, Vice-President, Public Affairs and Environment.

Canadian Wood Council:

Kelly McCloskey, President.

Coal Association of Canada:

Donald Downing, President.

Department of Natural Resources:

Frank Campbell, Director, CANMET Energy Technology Centre;

Mike Cleland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Sector;

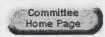
W.D. (Bill) Jarvis, Director General, Energy Efficiency Branch.

Luscar Ltd.

K.G. (Ken) Crane, Director, Environmental Services.









MINUTES OF PROCEEDING (Meeting No. 9)

Thursday, November 20, 1997.

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:00 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 371, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilles Bernier, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Raymonde Folco, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard, Carmen Provenzano, Ben Serré, Darrel Stinson, Brent St. Denis and Bob Wood.

Acting Members present: René Canuel for Jocelyne Girard-Bujold.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: : Jean-Luc Bourdages, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Coal Association of Canada: Donald O. Downing, President; K.G. Crane, Director, Environmental Services, Luscar Limited; B. Martens, Manager, Environmental Services, Manalta Coal Limited. From the Canadian Electricity Association: Roy G. Staveley, Vice-President, Public Affairs & Environment; Pierre Guimond, Senior Advisor, Government Relations. From the Canadian Wood Council Kelly McCloskey, President. From Natural Resources Canada: Mike Cleland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Sector; W.D. Jarvis, Director General, Energy Efficiency Branch; Frank R. Campbell, Director, CANMET.

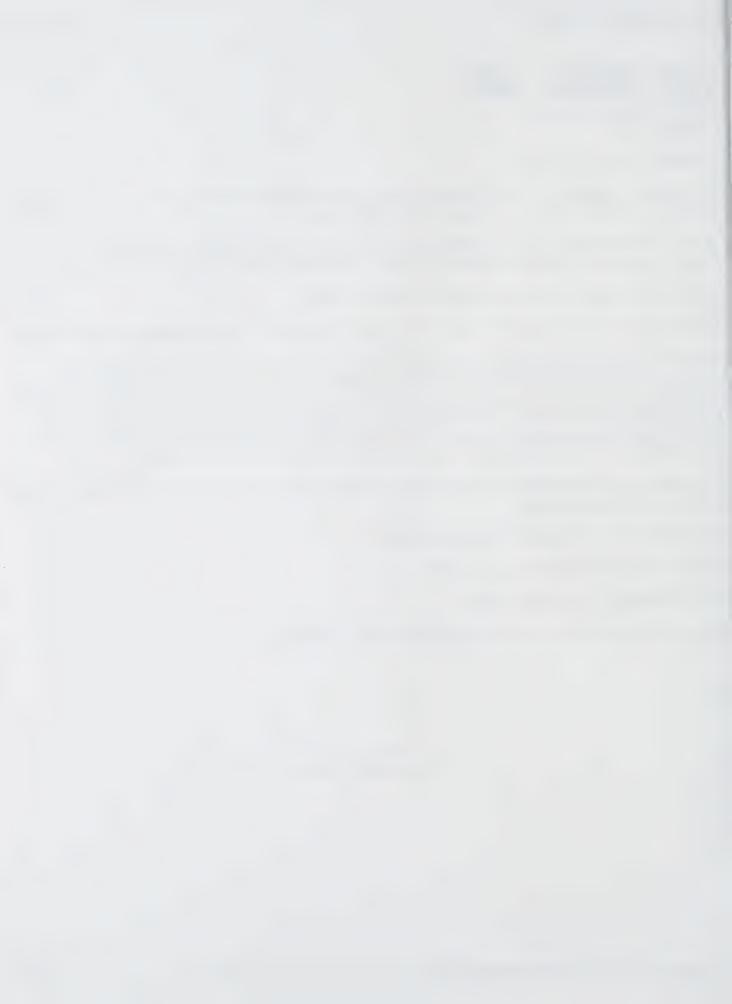
In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), an examination of the issues surrounding the Kyoto Conference on Climate Change.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:08 o'clock p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:10 o'clock p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 1:05 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



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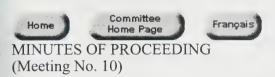
Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, November 25, 1997

IN CAMERA





Tuesday, November 25, 1997

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met *in camera* at 11:10 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 371, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gérard Asselin, Gilles Bernier, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Raymonde Folco, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard, Carmen Provenzano, Ben Serré, Darrel Stinson and Brent St. Denis.

Acting Members present: Jean Augustine for Bob Wood; Julian Reed for Gerry Byrne.

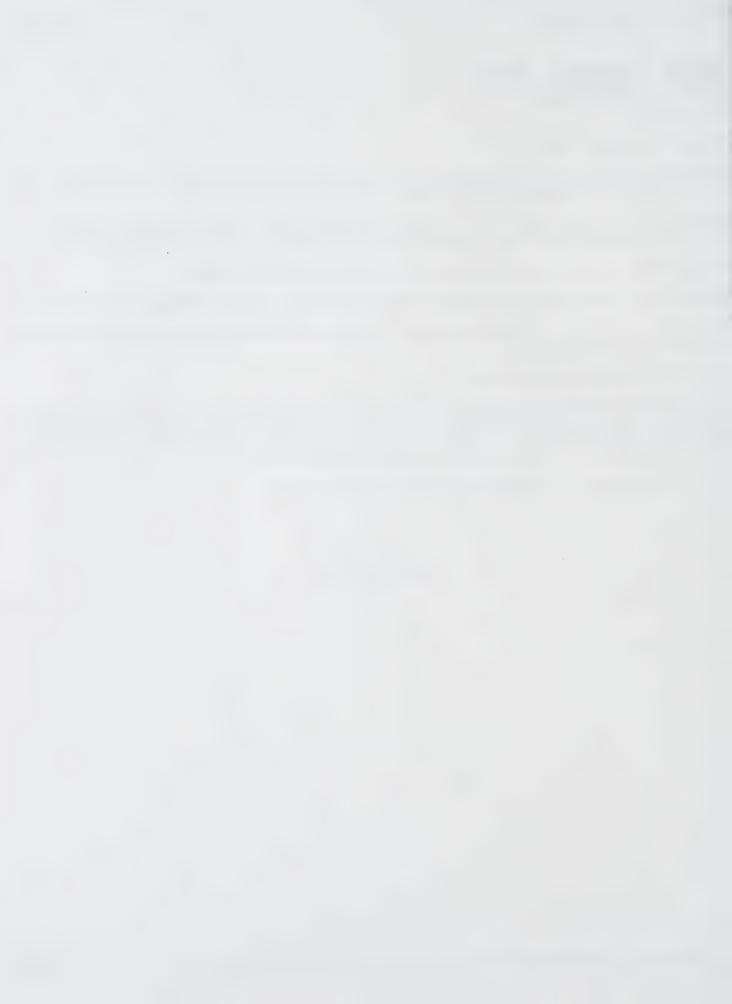
In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: : Jean-Luc Bourdages, Research Officer.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), an examination of the issues surrounding the Kyoto Conference on Climate Change.

The Committee examined a draft report.

And debate arising thereon; it was agreed,--That the Committee authorize the printing of the dissenting opinion of the Reform Party as an Appendix to this report, once adopted, immediately after the signature of the Chair; that the dissenting opinion be limited to not more than two pages (single space) and that it be delivered to the Clerk of the Committee not later than 5:00 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, November 25, 1997.

At 12:45 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



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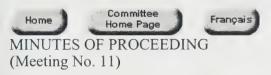
Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 11

Wednesday, November 26, 1997

IN CAMERA





Wednesday, November 26, 1997.

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met 3:32 o'clock p.m., this day, in room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilles Bernier, Roy Cullen, Raymonde Folco, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard, Carmen Provenzano, Ben Serré, Darrel Stinson and Brent St. Denis.

Acting Members present: Claude Drouin for Gerry Byrne; Larry McCormick for Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: : Jean-Luc Bourdages, Research Officer.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), an examination of the issues surrounding the Kyoto Conference on Climate Change.

The Committee examined a draft report.

It was agreed--That today's report be adopted, as amended, by the Committee and that the Chairman table it in the House of Commons as soon as possible.

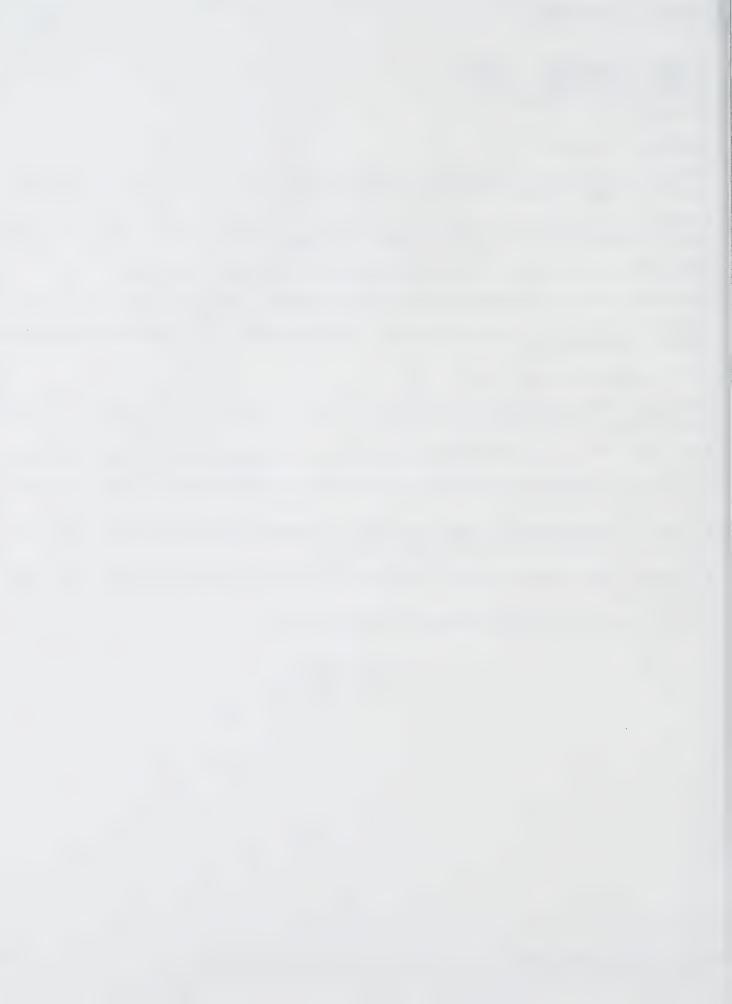
It was agreed--That the report be entitled "The Kyoto Conference on Climate Change: Let's get the ball rolling".

That, pursuant to Standing 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to this report within 150 days.

It was agreed--That the Chairman be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be deemed necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed--That In Camera transcripts be made available only on request to members of the Committee and Committee Staff

At 3:45 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 12

Thursday, November 27, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Briefing session on the Improved Reporting to Parliament Project and Treasury Board's Performance Report for the period ending March 31, 1997

WITNESSES:

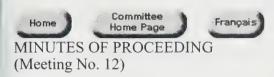
Griffith University:

John Wanna, Professor, School of Politics and Public Policy.

Treasury Board Secretariat:

David W. Miller, Assistant Secretary, Expenditure Management Sector; Martin Ulrich, Director, Results measurement and Accountability.





Thursday, November 27, 1997.

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:10 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 308, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilles Bernier, Roy Cullen, Jocelyne Girard-Bujold, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard, Carmen Provenzano, Ben Serré and Brent St. Denis.

Acting Members present: John Williams for Jim Gouk.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: : Jack Stilborn, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From Treasury Board Secretariat: David W. Miller, Assistant Secretary, Expenditure Management Sector; Martin Ulrich, Director, Results Measurement and Accountability. From Griffith University (Australia): John Wanna, Associate Professor, School of Politics and Public Policy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), briefing session on the Improved Reporting to Parliament Project and Treasury Board's Performance Report for the period ending March 31, 1997.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:45 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, December 2, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of Public Works and Government Services Canada's Performance Report for the period ending March 31, 1997

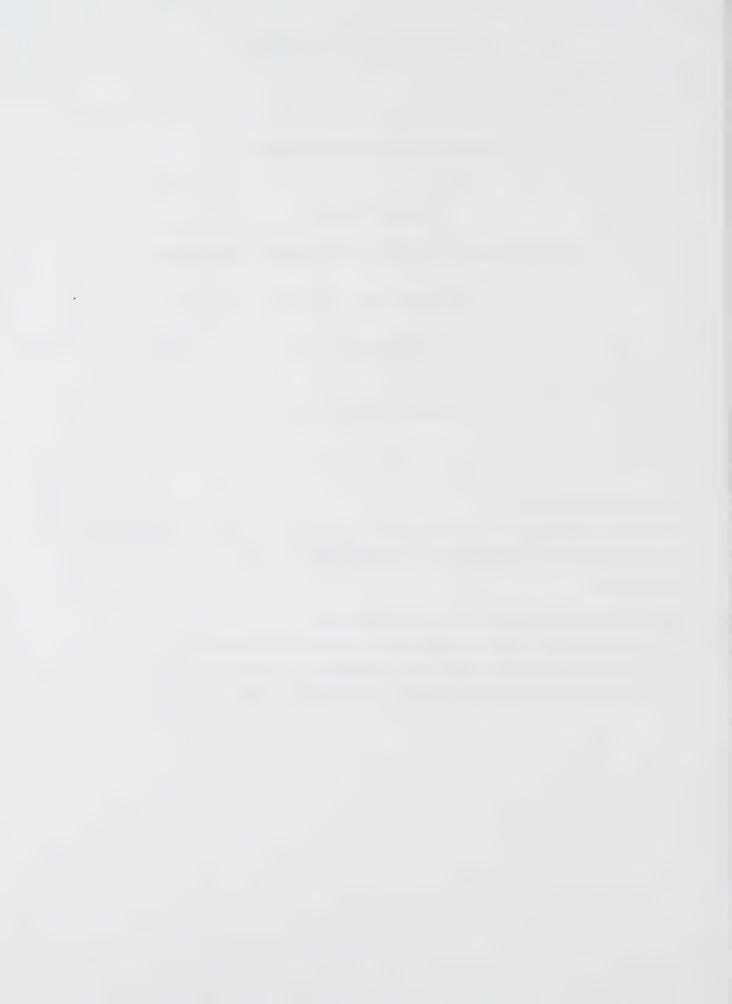
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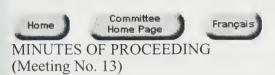
Department of Public Works and Government Services:

François Brazeau, Director General, Office Accommodation Services;

Barry Lipsett, Director General, Supply Program Management Sector;

Jim Stobbe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Government Operational Services.





Tuesday, December 2, 1997.

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:05 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 308, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roy Cullen, Jocelyne Girard-Bujold, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard, Carmen Provenzano, Ben Serré and Brent St. Denis.

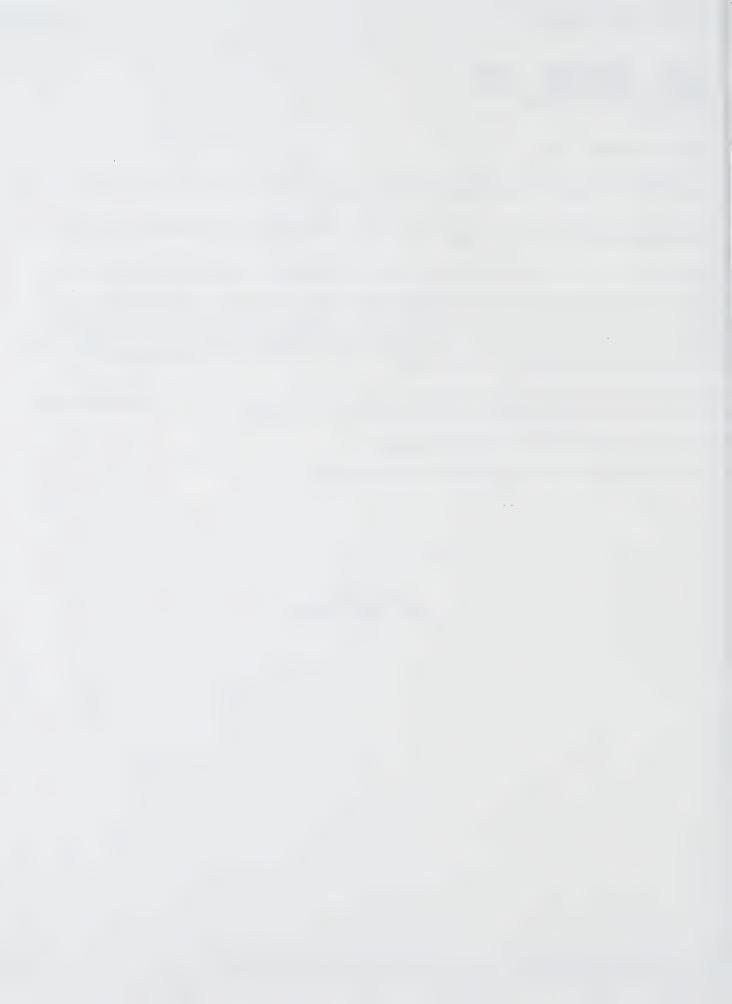
In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: : Jack Stilborn, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From Public Works and Government Services Canada: Jim Stobbe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Government Operational Services; Joan Catterson, Director General, Corporate Policy and Planning Sector, Government Operational Service Branch; Barry Lipsett, Director General, Supply Program Management Sector, Supply Operations Service Branch; François Brazeau, Director General, Office Accommodation Services and Real Estate Sector, Real Property Services Branch.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), consideration of Public Works and Government Services Canada's Performance Report for the period ending March 31, 1997.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:35 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



Standing Committee on

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 14

Thursday, December 4, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of Chapters 5 (Reporting Performance in the Expenditure Management System) and 11 (Moving toward Managing for Results) of reports of the Auditor General of Canada

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Maria Barrados, Assistant Auditor General; John Mayne, Principal, Audit Operations.





Thursday, December 4, 1997.

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met 11:08 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 308, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilles Bernier, Roy Cullen, Raymonde Folco, Jocelyne Girard-Bujold, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard, Carmen Provenzano, Ben Serré, Brent St. Denis and Bob Wood.

Other Members present: John Williams

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: : Jack Stilborn, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Maria Barrados, Assistant Auditor General; John Mayne, Principal, Audit Operations.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), consideration of Chapters 5 (Reporting Performance in the Expenditure Management System) and 11 (Moving toward Managing for Results) of the reports of the Auditor General of Canada.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:15 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.





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Standing Committee on

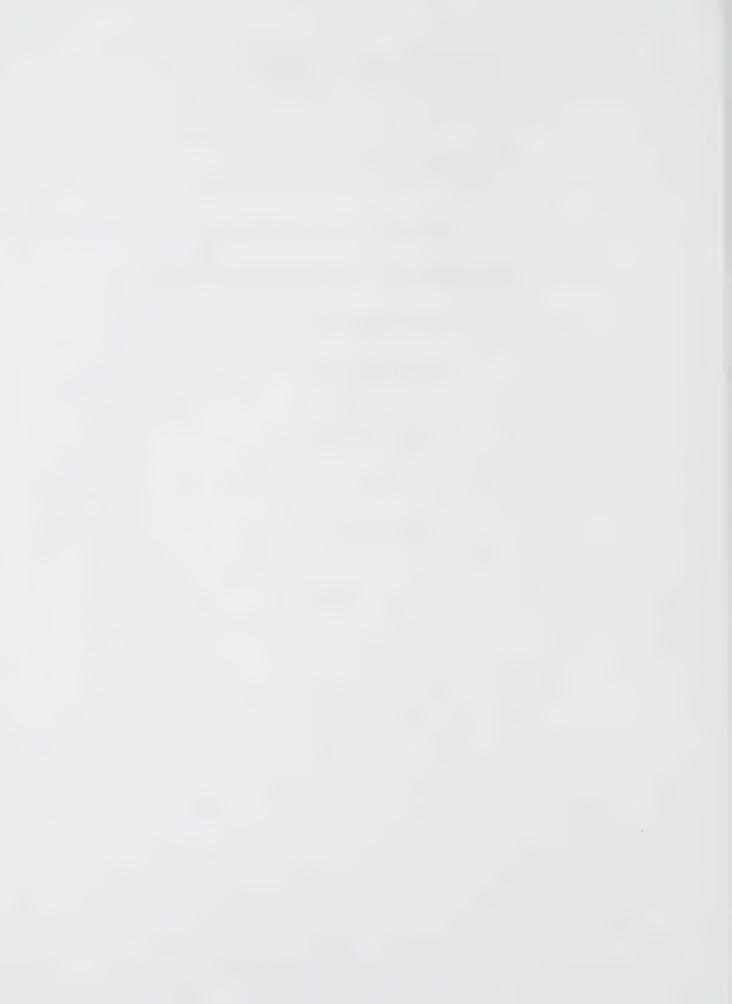
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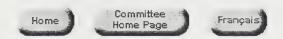
Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, December 9, 1997

IN CAMERA





MINUTES OF PROCEEDING

(Meeting No. 15)

Tuesday, December 9, 1997

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met *in camera* at 11:08 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilles Bernier, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Jocelyne Girard-Bujold, Jim Gouk, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard, Carmen Provenzano, Ben Serré, Darrel Stinson, Brent St. Denis and Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages and Jack Stilborn, Research Officers.

The Committee considered its future business.

It was agreed — That the Committee hold at least one meeting on the mandate of the Canada Post Corporation.

At 12:05 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marc Toupin

Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, February 17, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of the mandate of the Canada Post Corporation

APPEARING:

Hon. Alfonso Gagliano, Minister of Public Works and Government Services

WITNESS:

Canada Post Corporation:

Georges Clermont, President and Chief Executive Officer.





MINUTES OF PROCEEDING (Meeting No. 16)

Tuesday, February 17, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 3:30 o'clock p.m., this day, in room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, Jocelyne Girard-Bujold, Jim Gouk, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard, Ben Serré, and Brent St. Denis.

Substitute Members present: Réjean Lefebvre, Guy Saint-Julien, and Angela Vautour.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jack Stilborn, Research Officer.

Appearing: The Honourable Alfonso Gagliano, Minister of Public Works and Government Services. Responsible for the Canada Post Corporation.

Witness: From the Canada Post Corporation: Georges Clermont, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of the mandate of the Canada Post Corporation.

The Minister made a presentation and, with the witness, answered questions.

At 5:07 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Paulette Nadeau

Joint-Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDING

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 17

Thursday, February 19, 1998

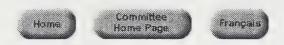
ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), briefing session on the "Think Rural" Report.

APPEARING:

Honourable Andy Mitchell, Secretary of State (Parks)





MINUTES OF PROCEEDING

(Meeting No. 17)

Thursday, February 19, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:05 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 371, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Roy Cullen, Pierre de Savoye, Jocelyne Girard-Bujold, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard, Carmen Provenzano, Ben Serré and Brent St. Denis.

Substitute Members present: Bill Gilmour for Darrel Stinson, Yvan Grose for Gerry Byrne.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Research Officer.

Appearing: The Honourable Andy Mitchell, Secretary of State (Parks).

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), briefing session on the "Think Rural" Report.

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:00 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Paulette Nadeau / Marc Toupin

Joint-Clerks of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 18

Thursday, February 26, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of the report "Reducing Paper Burden on Small Businesses – Making it Permanent".

WITNESSES:

Treasury Board Secretariat:

Bernie A. Gorman, Assistant Secretary;

Diane Boland, Senior Project Officer.









MINUTES OF PROCEEDING (Meeting No. 18)

Thursday, February 26, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:12 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 371, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gerry Byrne, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Jocelyne Girard-Bujold, Ovid L. Jackson, Carmen Provenzano, Ben Serré, Brent St. Denis and Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jack Stilborn, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Treasury Board Secretariat: B.A. Gorman, Assistant Secretary; Diane Boland, Senior Project Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of the report "Reducing Paper Burden on Small Businesses – Making it Permanent".

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 11:55 o'clock a.m., the Committee discussed future business.

At 12:15 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Paulette Nadeau Joint-Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, March 10, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of knowledge and technology based industries in the Natural Resources Sector.

WITNESSES:

Department of Natural Resources:

Marc Denis Everell, Assistant Deputy Minister, Earth Sciences Sector;

Robert Hargreaves, Director, Mining and Mineral Science Laboratories;

Linda Keen, Assistant Deputy Minister, Minerals and Metals Sector;

Janet King, Director, Continental Geology Division;

Edryd Shaw, Director General, Canada Centre for Remote Sensing;

Jean-Claude St-Pierre, Director General, Mineral Technology Branch.





Tuesday, March 10, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:05 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 308, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gerry Byrne, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Pierre de Savoye, Ovid L. Jackson, Carmen Provenzano, Ben Serré, Brent St. Denis and Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From Natural Resources Canada: Dr. Marc Denis Everell, Assistant Deputy Minister, Earth Sciences Sector; Dr. Edryd Shaw, Director General, Canada Centre for Remote Sensing; Dr. Janet King, Director, Continental Geoscience Division; Linda Keen, Assistant Deputy Minister, Minerals & Metals Sector; Jean-Claude St-Pierre, Director General, Mineral Technology Branch; Robert Hargreaves, Director, Mining and Mineral Science Laboratories.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of knowledge and technology based industries in the Natural Resources Sector.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:30 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 20

Thursday, March 12, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of knowledge and technology based industries in the natural resources sector.

WITNESSES:

Department of Natural Resources:

Mike Cleland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Sector;

Bryan Cook, Director General, Energy Technology Branch;

Yvan Hardy, Assistant Deputy Minister; Canadian Forest Service;

Mary Mes-Hartree, Director, Client Relations, Science Branch.





Thursday, March 12, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:10 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 308, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Yvon Godin, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard, Carmen Provenzano, Brent St. Denis and Bob Wood.

Substitute Members present: René Canuel for Pierre De Savoye.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From Natural Resources Canada: Mike Cleland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Sector; Bryan Cook, Director General, Energy Technology Branch; Dr. Yvan Hardy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Forest Service; Mary Mes-Hartree, Director, Client Relations, Sciences Branch, Canadian Forest Service.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of knowledge and technology based industries in the Natural Resources Sector.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:45 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, March 17, 1998

IN CAMERA





MINUTES OF PROCEEDING (Meeting No. 21)

Tuesday, March 17, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met *in camera* at 11:05 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 269, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, Gerry Byrne, Roy Cullen, Jocelyne Girard-Bujold, Jim Gouk, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard, Carmen Provenzano and Brent St. Denis.

Substitute Members present: Robert Bertrand for Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages and Jack Stilborn, Research Officers.

It was agreed – That the Committee Chair request a budget of \$160,000 from the Sub-Committee on Budget for the purpose of holding public hearings in rural communities on the issue of rural development.

It was agreed – That the Committee authorize, for fiscal year 1997-98 and 1998-99, the Chair, in conjunction with the Clerk, to take the appropriate measures to provide working lunches, from time to time, and that the cost of these lunches be charged to the Committee's budget.

It was agreed – That the Committee Chair request a budget of \$3,500 from the Sub-Committee on Budget in order that the Committee's Research Officer attend a conference on climate change in Calgary, Alberta, from May 3 to May 6, 1998.

It was agreed – That the Minister of Natural Resources be requested to appear before the Committee at his earliest opportunity but not later than May 14, 1998, to address the main estimates for the fiscal year 1998-99.

At 11:45 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Brent St-Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 22

Thursday, March 19, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of knowledge and technology based industries in the Natural Resources Sector

WITNESSES:

Canadian Association of Mining Equipment & Services for Export:

John Baird, Managing Director.

Mining Association of Canada:

Gordon Peeling, President.

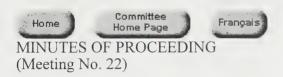
Noranda Inc.:

Irwin Itzkovitch, Senior Vice-President, Technology.

Queen's University:

Laeke Daneshmend, Professor, Department of Mining Engineering.





Thursday, March 19, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:05 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 269, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Ovid L. Jackson, Carmen Provenzano and Brent St. Denis.

Substitute Members present: Antoine Dubé for Pierre De Savoye.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Mining Association of Canada: Gordon Peeling, President. From the Canadian Association of Mining Equipment & Services for Export (CAMESE): John Baird, Managing Director. From Queen's University: Dr. L. Daneshmend, Professor, Department of Mining Engineering. From Noranda Inc.: Irwin Itzkovitch, Senior Vice-President, Technology.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of knowledge and technology based industries in the Natural Resources Sector.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:10 o'clock p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:20 o'clock p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 1:15 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, March 24, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of knowledge and technology based industries in the Natural Resources Sector

WITNESSES:

Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers:

Chris Pierce, Vice-President, Strategic Planning.

Canadian Coal Association:

Don Downing, President.

Canadian Gas Association:

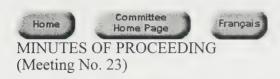
Bruno Carella, Vice-President, Policy and Administration;

Shahrzad Rahbar, Vice-President, Technology and Operations.

Petroleum Services Association of Canada:

Roger Soucy, President.





Tuesday, March 24, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:05 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 269, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gerry Byrne, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Pierre de Savoye, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard, Carmen Provenzano, Ben Serré, Darrel Stinson and Brent St. Denis.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers: Chris Pierce, Vice-President, Strategic Planning. From the Canadian Gas Association: Dr. Shahrzad Rahbar, Vice-President, Technology & Operations; Bruno Carella, Vice-President, Policy and Administration. From the Canadian Coal Association: Don Downing, President. From the Petroleum Services Association of Canada: Roger Soucy, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of knowledge and technology based industries in the Natural Resources Sector.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:10 o'clock p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:20 o'clock p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 1:20 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDING

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 24

Thursday, March 26, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of knowledge and technology based industries in the Natural Resources Sector

WITNESSES:

Canadian Pulp and Paper Association:

David Barron, Vice-President.

Canadian Wood Council:

Kelly McCloskey, President.

Forest Engineering Research Institute of Canada:

Daniel Guimier, Vice-President, Eastern Region.

Forintek:

Ian de la Roche, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Pulp and Paper Research Institute of Canada:

Ron Crotogino, Director of Research, Engineering.





Thursday, March 26, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:05 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 269, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, David Chatters, Yvon Godin, Ovid L. Jackson, Darrel Stinson and Brent St. Denis.

Substitute Members present: René Canuel for Pierre de Savoye.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Wood Council: Kelly McCloskey, President. From Forintek: Dr. Ian de la Roche, President & Chief Executive Officer. From the Canadian Pulp & Paper Association: David Barron, Vice-President. From the Pulp & Paper Research Institute of Canada (PAPRICAN): Dr. Ron Crotogino, Director of Research, Engineering. From the Forest Engineering Research Institute of Canada: Daniel Guimier, Vice-President, Eastern Region.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of knowledge and technology based industries in the Natural Resources Sector.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:10 o'clock p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:20 o'clock p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 1:15 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 25

Tuesday, March 31, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of knowledge and technology based industries in the Natural Resources Sector

WITNESSES:

Canadian Wind Energy Association:

Jim Salmon, President.

Iogen Corporation:

Jeff Passmore, Executive Vice-President, Renewable Energy.

Solar Energy Society of Canada Inc.:

Ian Carter;

Tim Egan, Member, Board of Directors;

Steven Harrison, Member, Board of Directors;

Mike Noble.





Tuesday, March 31, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:05 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 269, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Pierre de Savoye, Yvon Godin, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard, Ben Serré, Darrel Stinson and Brent St. Denis.

Substitute Members present: Ken Epp for Jim Gouk.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Solar Energy Society of Canada Inc. (SESCI): Tim Egan, Board of Directors; Mike Noble, Enerworks; Dr. Steven Harrison, Professor, Mechanical Engineering, Queen's University; Ian Carter, Vice-President, Newsun Technologies. From the Canadian Wind Energy Association: Dr. Jim Salmon, President. From Iogen Corporation: Jeff Passmore, Executive Vice-President, Renewable Energy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of knowledge and technology based industries in the Natural Resources Sector.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:55 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 26

Wednesday, April 1, 1998

IN CAMERA





Wednesday, April 1st, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met *in camera* at 3:35 o'clock p.m., this day, in room 362-E, East Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, Gerry Byrne, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Pierre de Savoye, Yvon Godin, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard, Carmen Provenzano, Ben Serré and Brent St. Denis.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages and Jack Stilborn, Research Officers.

The Committee discussed its future business.

It was agreed – That the motion the Committee adopted on March 17, 1998, concerning its travel plans to rural communities be rescinded and that the study of rural development be deferred to a later date.

It was agreed – That the Chairman of the Committee request a budget of \$3,000 from the Sub-Committee on Budget in order that Members, or Associate Members acting as their substitutes, of the Committee attend the Forest Expo '98 conference in Prince George, B.C. from May 7 to May 10, 1998.

At 4:30 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 27

Thursday, April 2, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of knowledge and technology based industries in the Natural Resources Sector WITNESSES:

Canadian Geoscience Council:

Robert McNutt, President;

Denis A. St-Onge, President.

Geomatics Industry Association of Canada:

Ed Kennedy, President.





Thursday, April 2, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:05 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 362-E, East Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Pierre de Savoye, Yvon Godin, Ovid L. Jackson, Carmen Provenzano and Brent St. Denis.

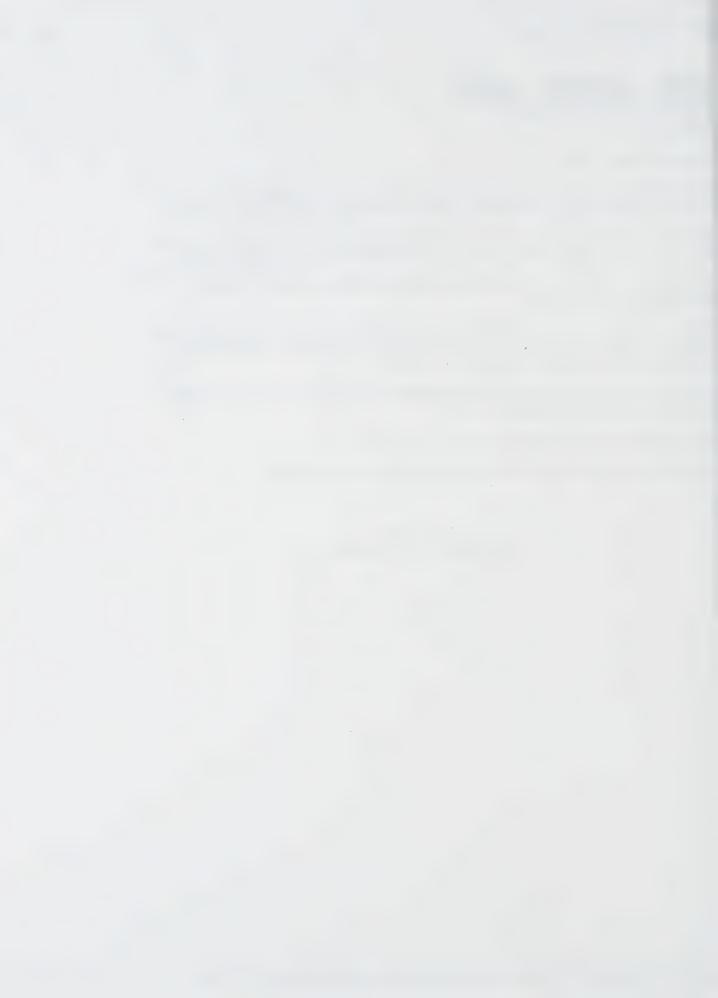
In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Geomatics Industry Association of Canada: Ed Kennedy, President. From the Canadian Geoscience Council: Robert McNutt, President; Denis St-Onge, President, Royal Canadian Geographical Society.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of knowledge and technology based industries in the Natural Resources Sector.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:40 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Brent St-Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, April 21, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), 1998-99 Estimates, Report on Plans and Priorities: Votes 1, 5, 10, L15, 20, 25, 30 and 35, under NATURAL RESOURCES

APPEARING:

Hon. Ralph Goodale, Minister of Natural Resources

WITNESS:

Department of National Resources:

Jean C. McCloskey, Deputy Minister.





Tuesday, April 21, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 8:30 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 362-E, East Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gerry Byrne, David Chatters, Yvon Godin, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard, Carmen Provenzano, Ben Serré and Brent St. Denis.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Research Officer.

Appearing: The Hon. Ralph Goodale, Minister of Natural Resources.

Witnesses: From Natural Resources Canada: Jean C. McCloskey, Deputy Minister; David Bickerton, Director General, Financial Management Branch.

1998-99 Estimates, Report on Plans and Priorities: Votes 1, 5, 10, L15, 20, 25, 30 and 35, under NATURAL RESOURCES.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:00 o'clock a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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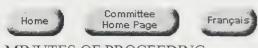
Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 29

Thursday, April 23, 1998

IN CAMERA





MINUTES OF PROCEEDING (Meeting No. 29)

Thursday, April 23, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met *in camera* at 11:05 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 307, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, Gerry Byrne, David Chatters, Jocelyne Girard-Bujold, Yvon Godin, Jim Gouk, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard, Carmen Provenzano, Ben Serré, Darrel Stinson, Brent St. Denis and Bob Wood.

Substitute Members present: Ken Epp for Darrel Stinson.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages and Jack Stilborn, Research Officers.

The Committee discussed its future business.

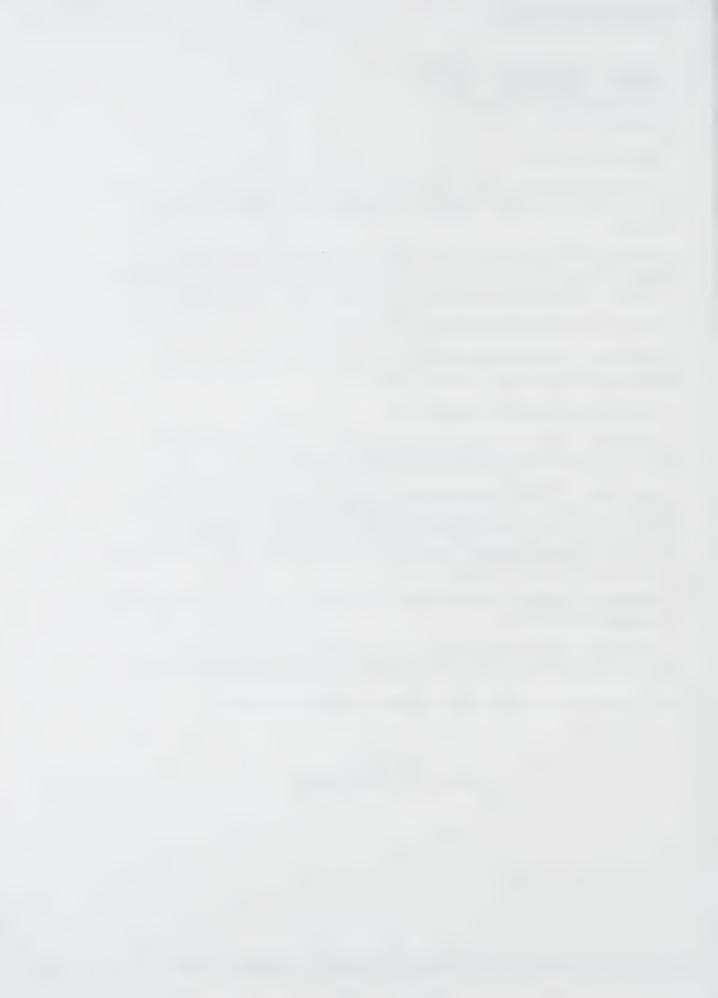
It was agreed – That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute documents only once they have been translated in both official languages.

It was agreed – That the Committee conduct hearings and research on the topic of Implementing the Kyoto Commitments: The Natural Resource Sector Response. This work to be conducted in the context of barriers and opportunities and the role of technology, voluntary measures, economic instruments (emissions trading, tax incentives, etc.) and federal government policy initiatives.

It was agreed – That the Committee conduct a study on the operations of the Cape Breton Development Corporation.

It was agreed – That the Chair request an operating budget of \$55,000 from the Sub-Committee on Budget for the period from April 1, 1998, to December 31, 1998.

At 12:00 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Brent St-Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of knowledge and technology-based industries in the natural resources sector WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

Paul Berg-Dick, Director, Business Income Tax Division;

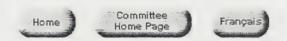
William Toms, Acting Senior Chief, Resource Taxation, Business Income Tax Division.

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada:

Tom Brzustowski, President;

Janet Walden, Director General, Research Partnerships Program.





MINUTES OF PROCEEDING (Meeting No. 30)

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:10 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 209, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, Roy Cullen, Pierre de Savoye, Yvon Godin, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard, Ben Serré, Darrel Stinson and Brent St. Denis.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada: Dr. Tom Brzustowski, President; Janet Walden, Director General, Research Partnerships Program. From the Department of Finance: Paul Berg-Dick, Director, Business Income Tax Division; William Toms, Acting Senior Chief, Resource Taxation, Business Income Tax Division; Jack Jung, Senior Tax Policy Officer, Business Income Tax Division.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of knowledge and technology-based industries in the Natural Resources Sector.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:20 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Brent St-Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 31

Thursday, April 30, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of knowledge and technology-based industries in the Natural Resources Sector

WITNESSES:

Department of Industry:

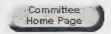
Chummer Farina, Acting Director General, Policy Branch;

Ken Hart;

Sue Milne.









MINUTES OF PROCEEDING (Meeting No. 31)

Thursday, April 30, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:10 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 269, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Pierre de Savoye, Ovid L. Jackson, Carmen Provenzano and Brent St. Denis.

Substitute Members present: Peter Mancini for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From Industry Canada: Chummer Farina, Acting Director General, Innovation Policy Branch; Ken Hart, Senior Policy Analyst; Sue Milne, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of knowledge and technology-based industries in the Natural Resources Sector.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:20 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Brent St-Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, May 5, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Examination of Chapters 1 and 2 (Expenditures and Work Force Reductions in the Public Service and in Selected Departments) of the Report of April 1998 of the Auditor General of Canada

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Denis Desautels, Auditor General of Canada;

Jacques Goyer, Principal, Audit Operations Branch.

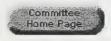
Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:

Cheryl Fraser, Assistant Secretary, Labour Relations and Human Resources Management Division;

R.J. Neville, Assistant Secretary, Expanditure Management Sector.









MINUTES OF PROCEEDING (Meeting No. 32)

Tuesday, May 5, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:00 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 308, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, Gerry Byrne, Jim Gouk, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard, Darrel Stinson, Brent St. Denis and Bob Wood.

Substitute Members present: Joe Jordan for Carmen Provenzano, Michelle Dockrill for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jack Stilborn, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Denis Desautels, Auditor General of Canada; Jacques Goyer, Principal. From Treasury Board Secretariat: Cheryl Fraser, Assistant Secretary, Labour Relations and Human Resource Management Division; Richard J. Neville, Assistant Secretary, Expenditure Management Sector.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), examination of Chapters 1 and 2 (Expenditures and Work Force Reductions in the Public Service and in Selected Departments) of the Report of April 1998 of the Auditor General of Canada.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:13 o'clock p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:15 o'clock p.m., the sitting resumed, in camera.

The Committee considered its future business.

Notice was given -- That the motion adopted by the Committee on April 23, 1998, concerning the study of the operations of DEVCO be rescinded.

Debate arose thereon.

At 12:40 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Paulette Nadeau Joint-Clerk of the Committee



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NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

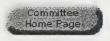
Meeting No. 33

Thursday, May 14, 1998

IN CAMERA









MINUTES OF PROCEEDING (Meeting No. 33)

Thursday, May 14, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met *in camera* at 11:05 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 269, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gerry Byrne, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Yvon Godin, Jim Gouk, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard, Carmen Provenzano, and Brent St. Denis.

Substitute Members present: Ken Epp for Darrel Stinson, Jim Jones for Gilles Bernier, M. Sophia Leung for Bob Wood, Yvan Loubier for Pierre de Savoye, Bryon Wilfert for Ben Serré.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages and Jack Stilborn, Research Officers.

The Committee discussed its future business.

It was agreed — That the Committee reimburse the Chair, up to a maximum of \$51.26, for the purchase of official gifts given to the hosts of the events surrounding Forest Expo '98.

It was agreed — That 48 hours written notice shall be given for the consideration of any substantive motion by the Committee; provided that notice may be waived by the unanimous consent of the Committee. This rule shall not apply for motions to amend a clause during the study of a bill. Such notice shall be tabled with the Committee by filing the text of the motion with the Clerk of the Committee and shall be distributed to all members in both official languages. Upon receipt of such notice the Clerk will ensure that the motion is placed on the agenda of the next Committee meeting.

It was moved — That the motion adopted by the Committee on April 23, 1998, concerning the study of the operations of DEVCO be rescinded.

And debate arising thereon;

A request having been made for a recorded vote in the Committee's Minutes of Proceeding, it was agreed to.

The motion was agreed to on the following division:

YEAS: - Bélair - Byrne - Cullen - Jackson - Pickard - Provenzano - Wilfert - 7

NAYS: - Chatters - Epp - Godin - Gouk - Jones - Loubier - 6

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(3), consideration of a request signed by four Members of the Committee.

And debate arising thereon;

At 12:15 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Brent St-Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 34

Tuesday, May 26, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Main Estimates 1998-99: votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 under PUBLIC WORKS AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES

APPEARING:

The Honourable Alfonso Gagliano, Minister of Public Works and Government Services

WITNESSES:

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation:

Marc Rochon, President.

Canada Post Corporation:

Georges Clermont, President and Chief Executive Officer.

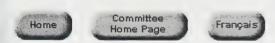
Public Works and Government Services:

Ran Quail, Deputy Minister.

Royal Canadian Mint:

Danielle Wetherup, President.





MINUTES OF PROCEEDING (Meeting No. 34)

Tuesday, May 26, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 3:30 o'clock p.m., this day, in room 308, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, Gerry Byrne, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Jocelyne Girard-Bujold, Jim Gouk, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard, Carmen Provenzano and Brent St. Denis.

Substitute Members present: Guy Saint-Julien for Bob Wood, Paul Steckle for Ben Serré, Ken Epp for Darrel Stinson, Bill Gilmour for Darrel Stinson.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jack Stilborn, Research Officer.

Appearing: The Hon. Alfonso Gagliano, Minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada.

Witnesses: From Public Works and Government Services Canada: Ran Quail, Deputy Minister. From the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation: Marc Rochon, President. From the Canada Post Corporation: Georges Clermont, President and Chief Executive Officer. From the Royal Canadian Mint: Danielle Wetherup, President.

1998-99 Main Estimates: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 under PUBLIC WORKS AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:09 o'clock p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:12 o'clock p.m., the sitting resumed, in camera.

The Committee discussed its future business.

It was agreed – That the Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations invite the President of the Treasury Board, the Hon. Marcel Massé, to appear before the Committee at his earliest opportunity to discuss and answer questions on the 1998-99 Treasury Board Estimates and the operation of the office of the Treasury Board Secretariat.

At 5:38 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 35

Thursday, May 28, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

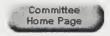
Study on climate change

APPEARING:

Honourable Ralph E. Goodale, Minister of Natural Resources and Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board.









MINUTES OF PROCEEDING (Meeting No. 35)

Thursday, May 28, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 8:35 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 362-E, East Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Jocelyne Girard-Bujold, Yvon Godin, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard, Carmen Provenzano, Ben Serré and Brent St. Denis.

Substitute Members present: Stéphane Bergeron for Pierre de Savoye.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Research Officer.

Appearing: The Hon. Ralph Goodale, Minister of Natural Resources Canada.

Witnesses: From Natural Resources Canada: Jean C. McCloskey, Deputy Minister; Dr. Marc Denis Everell, Assistant Deputy Minister, Earth Sciences Sector; Sue Kirby, Director General, Energy Policy Branch, Energy Sector.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and the terms of reference it adopted on April 23, 1998, a study on climate change.

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 9:56 o'clock a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Brent St-Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 36

Thursday, June 4, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Examination of the role of the Information Commissioner as it relates to the operations of Government

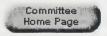
WITNESS:

As individual:

Honorable John M. Reid.









MINUTES OF PROCEEDING (Meeting No. 36)

Thursday, June 4, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 9:08 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilles Bernier, Gerry Byrne, Jocelyne Girard-Bujold, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard, and Brent St. Denis.

Associate Member present: Angela Vautour.

Substitute Members present: Ken Epp for David Chatters, Deborah Grey for Jim Gouk, Randy White for Darrel Stinson.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jack Stilborn, Research Officer.

Witness: As an individual: The Hon. John M. Reid.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), an examination of the role of the Information Commissioner as it relates to the operations of Government.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:45 o'clock a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marc Toupin Joint-Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Brent St-Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 37

Thursday, June 4, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on climate change

WITNESSES:

Climate Change Secretariat:

Ian McGregor, Deputy Head;

David Oulton, Head.





MINUTES OF PROCEEDING (Meeting No. 37)

Thursday, June 4, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:30 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gerry Byrne, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Pierre de Savoye, Ovid L. Jackson, Carmen Provenzano, and Brent St. Denis.

Substitute Members present: Sue Barnes for Ben Serré, Claude Drouin for Jerry Pickard, Ken Epp for Darrel Stinson, Bill Gilmour for Jim Gouk.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages and Jack Stilborn, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Climate Change Secretariat: David Oulton, Head; Ian McGregor, Deputy Head.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the terms of reference it adopted on April 23, 1998, a study on climate change.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:40 o'clock p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:42 o'clock p.m., the sitting resumed, *in camera*.

The Committee discussed its future business.

ORDERED – That this Committee send for all documents relating to the building of a coin plating plant in Manitoba, with the exception of any information that would be commercially or legally sensitive.

At 1:00 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marc Toupin
Joint-Clerk of the Committee



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NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Brent St-Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 38

Thursday, June 11, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

A study on climate change

WITNESSES:

Margaree Consultants Inc.:

Erik Haites, Consultant.

Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development:

Robert Hornung, Director.





MINUTES OF PROCEEDING (Meeting No. 38)

Thursday, June 11, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:07 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 362-E, East Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, Gerry Byrne, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Pierre de Savoye, Yvon Godin, Ovid L. Jackson, Jerry Pickard, Carmen Provenzano, Ben Serré, Brent St. Denis and Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages and Jack Stilborn, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From Margaree Consultants Inc.: Erik Haites, Consultant. From Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development: Robert Hornung, Director, Climate Change.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the terms of reference it adopted on April 23, 1998, a study on climate change.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:38 o'clock p.m., the Committee considered future business.

And lack of quorum having been noticed;

At 12:40 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marc Toupin
Joint-Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St-Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 39

Thursday, October 8, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs





Meeting No. 39

Thursday, October 8, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, for the purpose of organization.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, Gerry Byrne, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, John Duncan, Christiane Gagnon, Yvon Godin, Tony Ianno, Beth Phinney, Werner Schmidt, Brent St. Denis.

Acting Members present: René Canuel for Pierre de Savoye, Marlene Catterall for Benoît Serré; John Finlay for Carmen Provenzano; John O'Reilly for Carolyn Parrish.

Associate Member present: Cliff Breitkreuz.

Other Member: Rob Anders.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages; Jack Stilborn, Research Officers.

The Clerk presided over the election of the Chair of the Committee.

John O'Reilly moved, - That Brent St. Denis do take the Chair of this Committee as Chair.

The question being put on the motion, it carried as follows:

YEAS NAYS

Réginald Bélair

Gilles Bernier

Gerry Byrne

René Canuel

Marlene Catterall

David Chatters

Roy Cullen

Christiane Gagnon

Yvon Godin

Tony Ianno

John O'Reilly

Beth Phinney

John Finlay

Werner Schmidt

Brent St. Denis

John Duncan (16)

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John Finlay moved, - That Benoît Serré be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee. (In absentia).

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

John Duncan moved, - That Dave Chatters be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

At 9:40 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marc Toupin

Clerk of the Committee

Standing Committee on

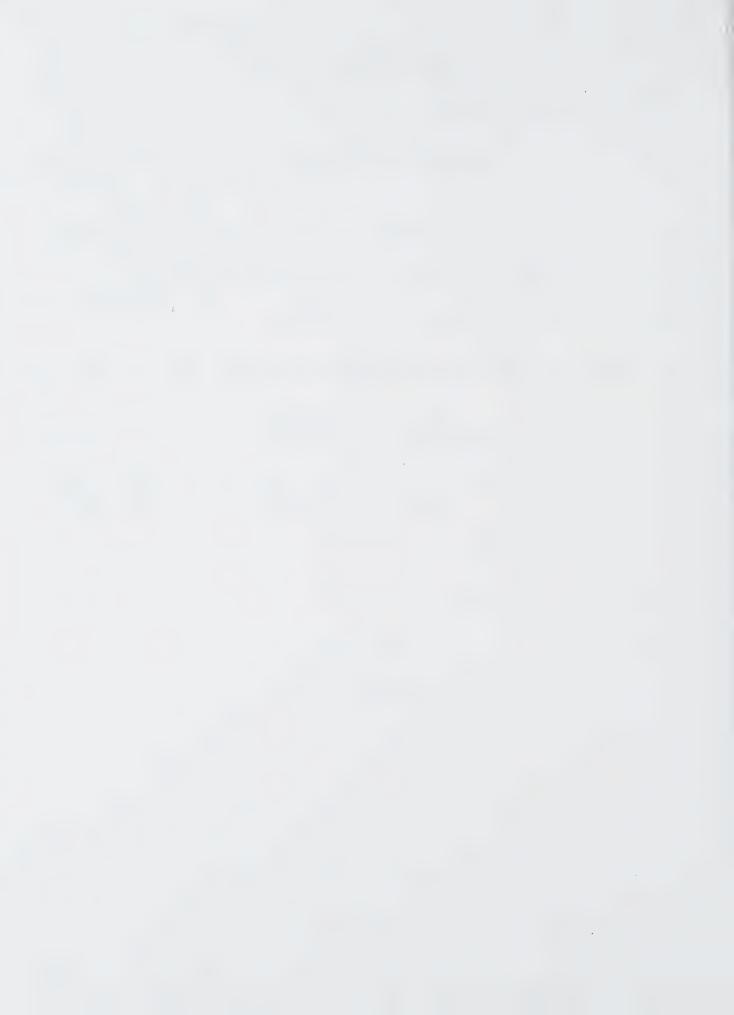
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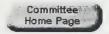
Meeting No. 40

Tuesday, October 20, 1998

IN CAMERA









Meeting No. 40

Tuesday, October 20, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met *in camera* at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 362-E, East Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Member(s) of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, David Chatters, Pierre de Savoye, Yvon Godin, Tony Ianno, Carolyn Parrish, Beth Phinney, Carmen Provenzano, Werner Schmidt, Ben Serré, and Brent St. Denis.

Acting Members present: Raymonde Folco for Gerry Byrne, Sheila Finestone for Roy Cullen.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages and Jack Stilborn, Research Officers.

The Committee discussed its future business.

It was agreed, - That the Committee invite officials from Canada Post as well as representatives of Canadian Postal Franchisees to appear before the Committee concerning the dispute between Canada Post and its franchisees.

It was agreed, - That the Committee invite the Minister of Public Works and Government Services to appear before the Committee concerning renovations to the Parliamentary Precinct.

It was agreed, - That the Committee invite the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-food to appear before the Committee concerning the Government's Response to the "Think Rural" report.

It was agreed, - That the Committee reiterate its May 26th invitation to the President of the Treasury Board.

It was agreed, - That this Committee write a letter to Mr. Staes, Belgian Representative on the Council of Europe, to express our interest as a Committee in meeting with their delegation in Canada, based on the assumption that they are planning a Canadian visit;

It was agreed, - That the Committee seek authorization for the Natural Resources Committee to send a delegation to Europe when the Council of Europe Resolution on "Deforestation of temperate rainforests and Canada's responsibility" is scheduled for discussion;

It was agreed, - That the Committee hold hearings on the Whitehorse Mining Initiative and further processing opportunities in the mining sector.

At 12:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marc Toupin

Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Brent St-Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 41

Thursday, October 29, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the dispute between the Canada Post Corporation and its postal franchisees

WITNESSES:

Canada Post Corporation:

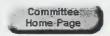
Allan Bisback, General Manager, Retail Business;

Georges C. Clermont, President and Chief Executive Officer;

Michel Tremblay, Vice-President, Retail Business.









Meeting No. 41

Thursday, October 29, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:00 a.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, Roy Cullen, John Duncan, Marlene Jennings, Ghislain Lebel, Carolyn Parrish, Werner Schmidt, Ben Serré, Brent St. Denis.

Acting Members present: Jocelyne Girard-Bujold for Pierre deSavoye; Lou Sekora for Gerry Byrne.

Associate Member(s) present: Angela Vautour.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jack Stilborn, Research Officer.

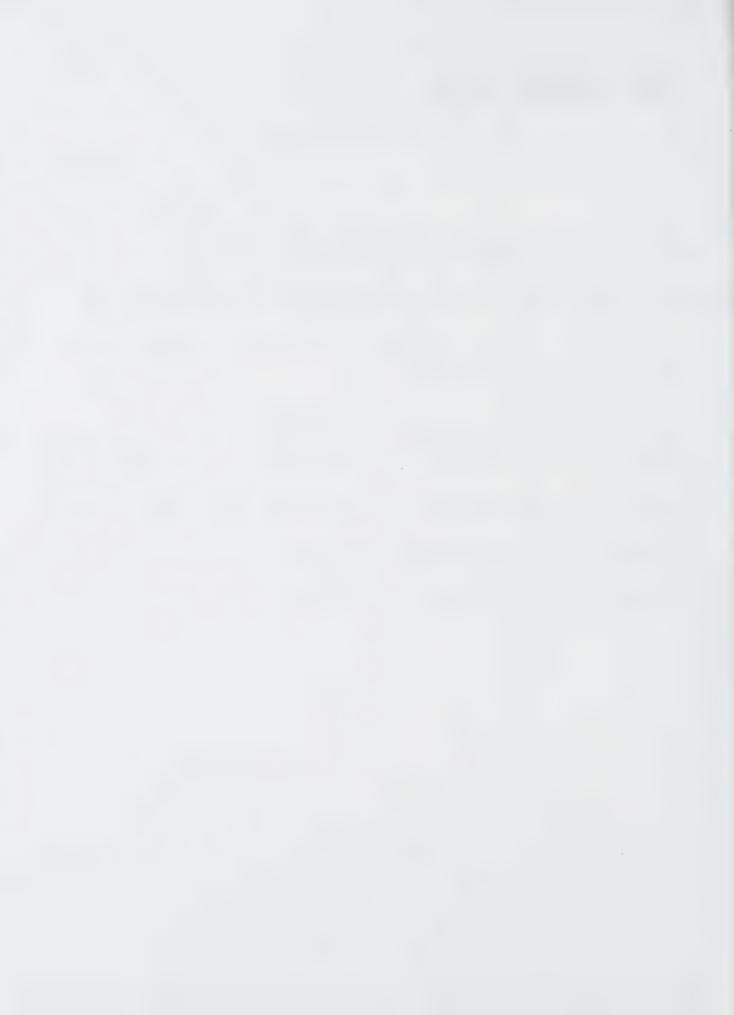
Witnesses: From the Canada Post Corporation: Georges C. Clermont, President and Chief Executive Officer; Michel Tremblay, Vice-President, Retail Business; Allan Bisback, General Manager, Retail Business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of the dispute between the Canada Post Corporation and its postal franchisees.

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 12:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marc Toupin
Clerk of the Committee



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NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Brent St-Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 42

Tuesday, November 3, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the dispute between the Canada Post Corporation and its postal franchisees

WITNESSES:

Association of Canadian Postal Franchisees:

George Ayoub, Franchisee;

Rod Beatty, Franchisee;

Mukesh Gupta, Franchisee;

Jean-Guy Raymond, Franchisee;

Jean-Paul Sirois, President.









Meeting No. 42

Tuesday, November 3, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, Gerry Byrne, Roy Cullen, John Duncan, Tony Ianno, Marlene Jennings, Ghislain Lebel, Carolyn Parrish, Carmen Provenzano, Werner Schmidt, Brent St. Denis.

Associate Member present: Angela Vautour.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jack Stilborn.

Witnesses: From the Association of Canadian Postal Franchisees: Jean-Paul Sirois, President. George Ayoub, Postal franchisee; Murkesh Gupta, Postal franchisee and Rod Beatty, Postal franchisee.

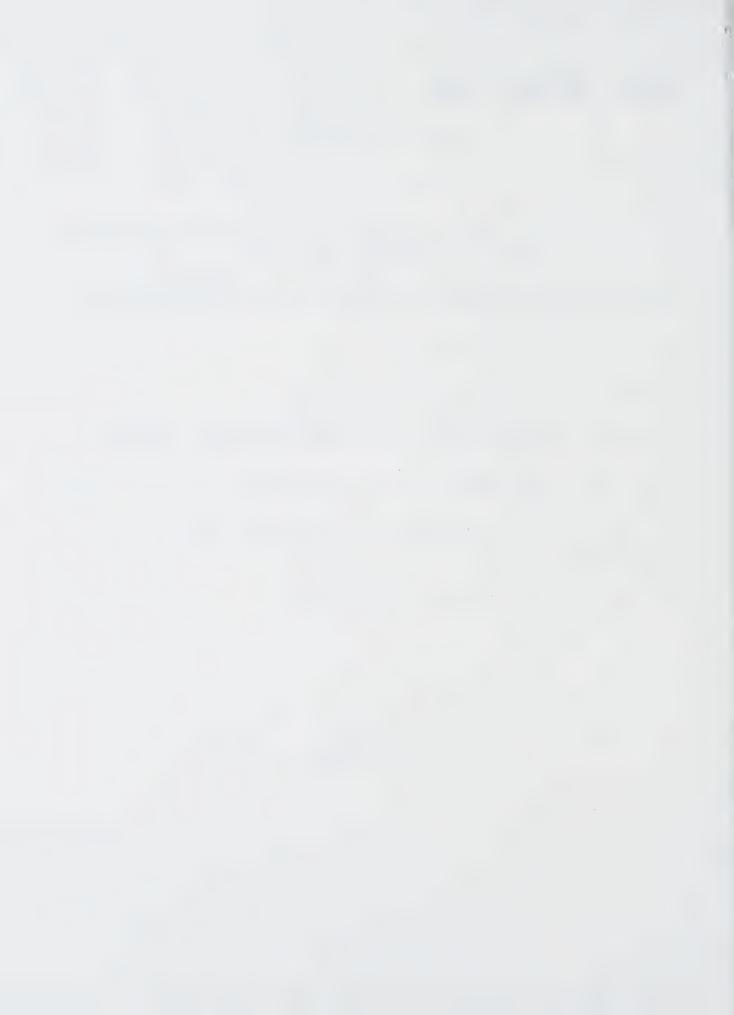
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of the dispute between the Canada Post Corporation and its postal franchisees.

Mr. Sirois made an opening statement and with Murkesh Gupta, George Ayoub and Rod Beatty answered questions.

At 12:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Miriam Burke

Committee Clerk



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Chair: Brent St-Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 43

Thursday, November 5, 1998

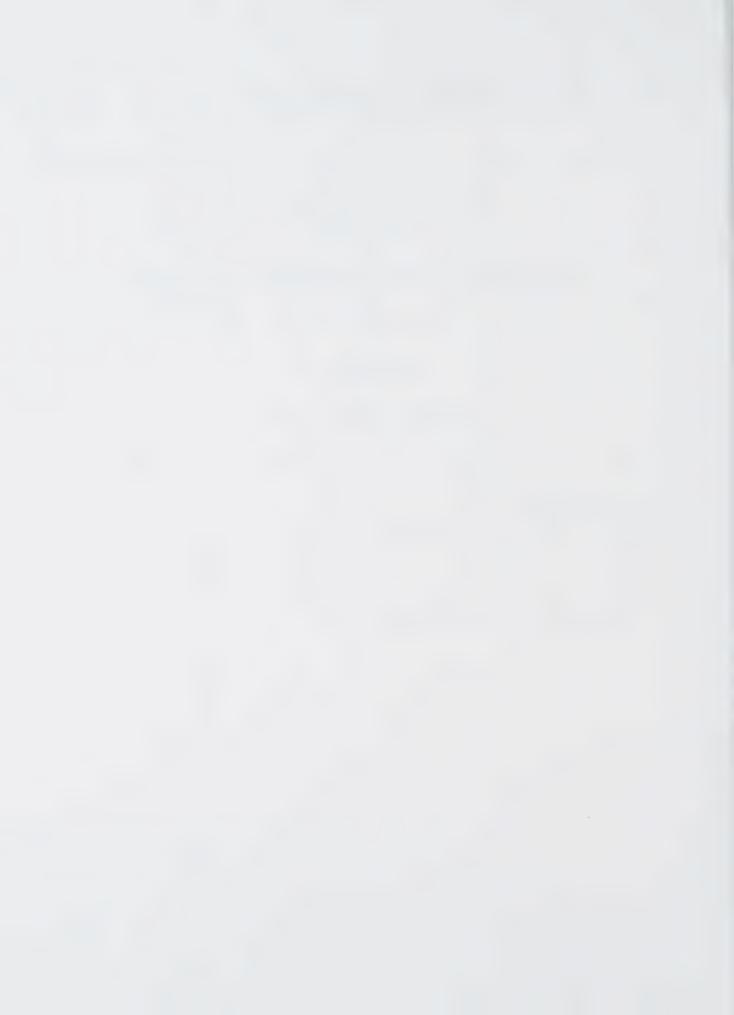
ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Whitehorse Mining Initiative

WITNESS:

Mining Association of Canada:

Gisèle Jacob, Vice-President, Public Affairs.





Meeting No. 43

Thursday, November 5, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gerry Byrne, David Chatters, Pierre de Savoye, John Duncan, Marlene Jennings, Carolyn Parrish, Carmen Provenzano, Brent St. Denis.

Acting Member present: Ghislain Fournier for Ghislain Lebel.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Research Officer.

Witnesses: :From the Mining Association of Canada: Gisèle Jacob, Vice President Public Affairs.

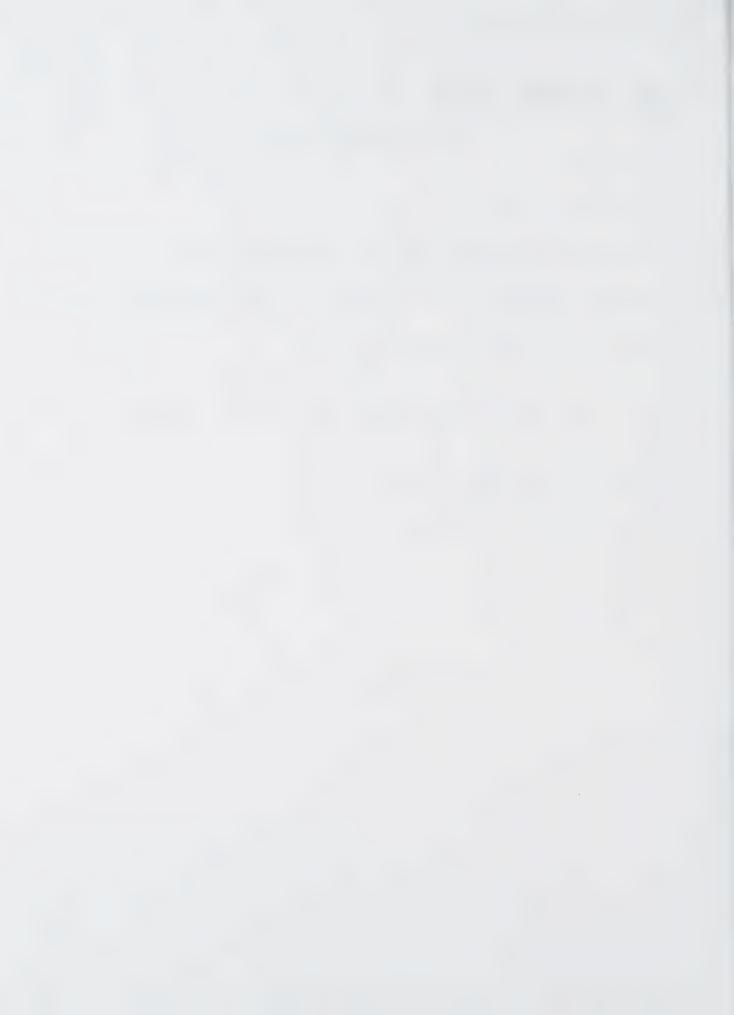
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of the Whitehorse Mining Initiative.

The witness made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 12:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Miriam Burke

Committee Clerk



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Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Brent St-Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, November 17, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to consider Bill C-41, An Act to amend the Royal Canadian Mint and the Currency Act

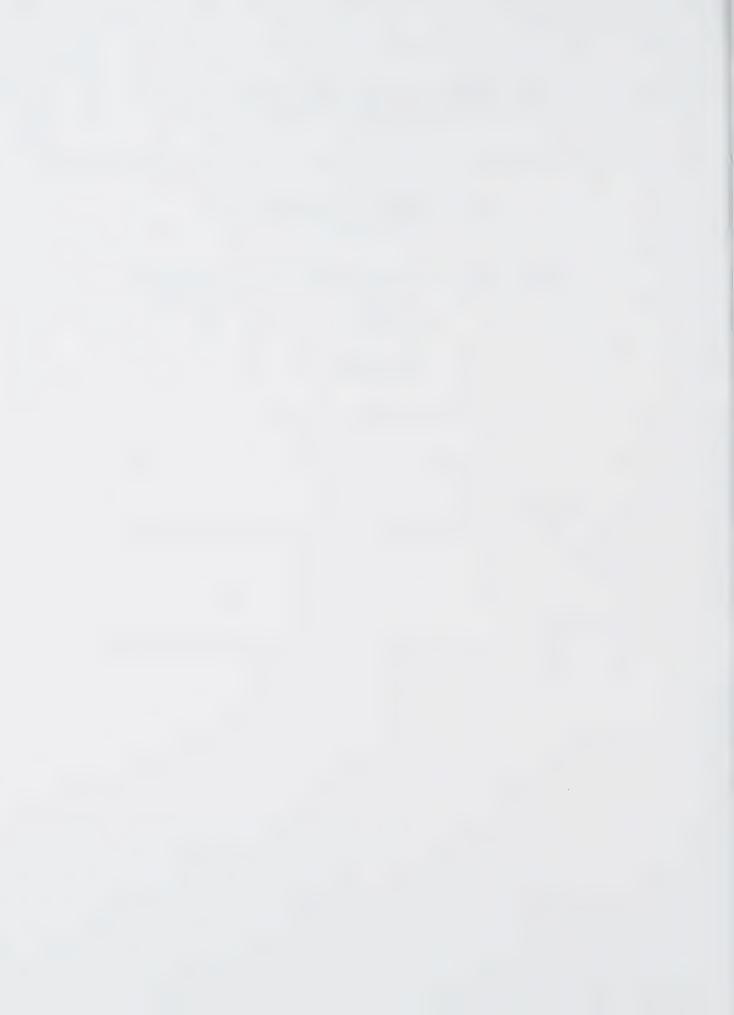
WITNESSES:

Royal Canadian Mint:

Beverley Ann Lepine, Executive Director, Legal Services and Corporate Secretary;

Marguerite Nadeau, Senior Counsel and Corporate Secretary;

Danielle Wetherup, Master.





Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, November 17, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, Gerry Byrne, Roy Cullen, John Duncan, Tony Ianno, Marlene Jennings, Ghislain Lebel, Carolyn Parrish, Carmen Provenzano, Werner Schmidt and Brent St. Denis.

Acting Members present: Ken Epp for John Duncan; Raymonde Folco for Benoît Serré.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jack Stilborn, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Royal Canadian Mint: Beverly Ann Lepine, Vice President, Administration and Finance; Danielle Wetherup, Master of the Mint; and Margurite Nadeau, Senior Counsel and Corporate Secretary Legal Services.

The Committee proceeded to consider Bill C-41, An Act to amend the Royal Canadian Mint and the Currency Act.

On Clause 1

Danielle Wetherup made a statement and with the other witnesses answered questions.

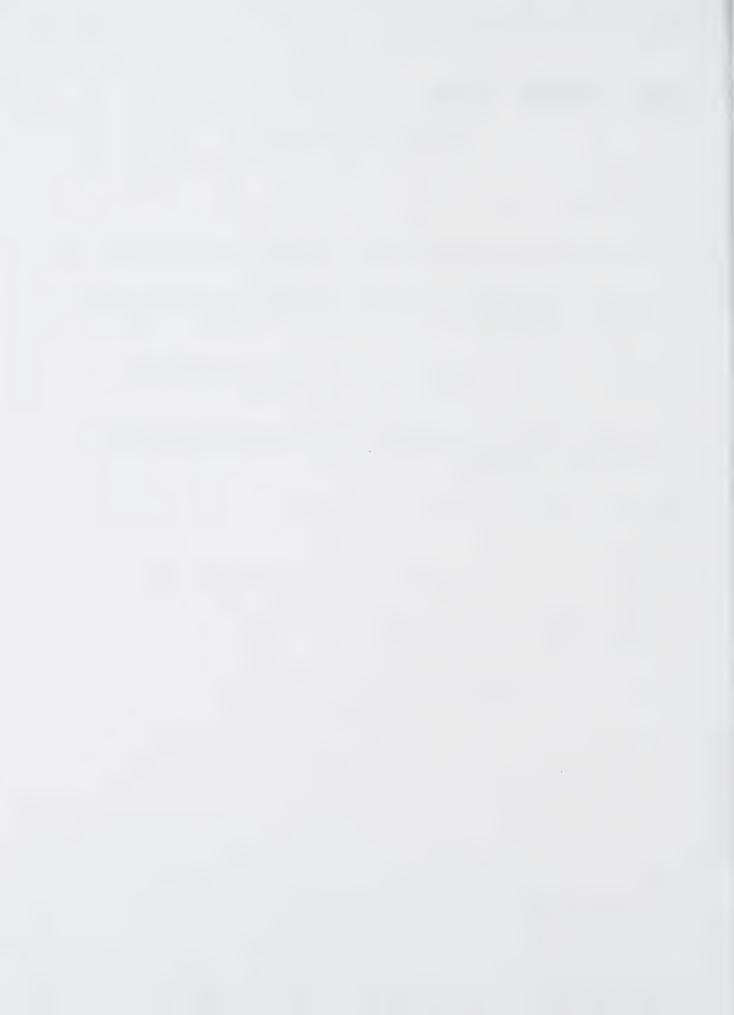
At 12:07 p.m. Carmen Provenzano took the Chair as Acting Chair.

At 12:09 p.m. Brent St. Denis resumed the Chair.

At 12:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Susan Baldwin

Committee Clerk



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Brent St-Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 45

Wednesday, November 18, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Treasury Board Secretariat's Main Estimates for fiscal year 1998-99

APPEARING:

The Honourable Marcel Massé, President of the Treasury Board

WITNESS:

Treasury Board Secretariat:

Richard Neville, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Comptroller General, Financial Management Policy Sector and Expenditure Analysis and Operations Sector.

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Meeting No. 45

Wednesday, November 18, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gerry Byrne, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Marlene Jennings, Ghislain Lebel, Carolyn Parrish, Carmen Provenzano and Brent St. Denis.

Acting Members present: John Williams for John Duncan.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jack Stilborn, Research Officer.

Appearing: The Honorable Marcel Massé, President of the Treasury Board.

Witnesses: From the Treasury Board Secretariat: Richard Neville, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Comptroller General, Financial Management Policy Sector & Expenditure Analysis and Operations Sector; Guy Bujold, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch; Linda Lizotte-MacPherson, Chief Information Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of the Treasury Board Secretariat's Main Estimates for fiscal year 1998-99.

The Minister made an opening statement and with Richard Neville answered questions,

At 4:51 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair

Miriam Burke

Committee Clerk



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 46

Tuesday, November 19, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Parliamentary Precinct renovation project

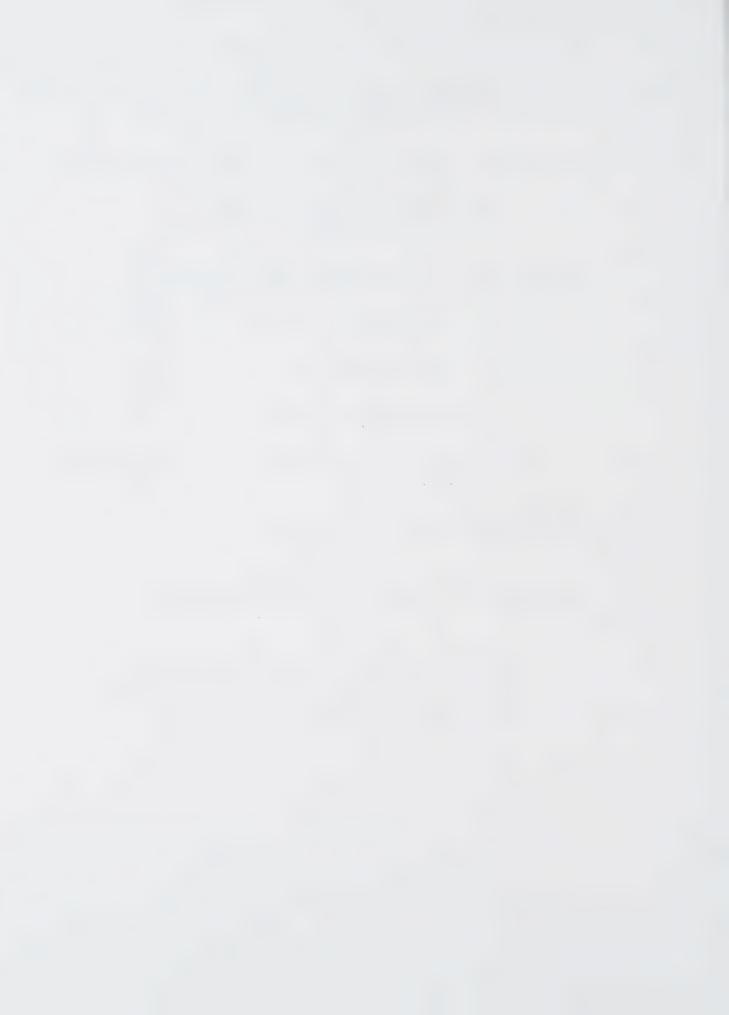
APPEARING:

The Hon. Alfonso Gagliano, Minister of Public Works and Government Services

WITNESSES:

Public Works and Government Services Canada:

Bruce Lorimar, Director General, Real Property Services, Parliamentary Precinct; Michael G. Nurse, Assistant Deputy Minister, Real Property Services Branch.





Meeting No. 46

Thursday, November 19, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Member(s) of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Marlene Jennings, Ghislain Lebel, Carolyn Parrish, Werner Schmidt, Brent St. Denis.

Other Member present: John Solomon.

Associate Member present: Angela Vautour.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jack Stilborn, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Public Works and Government Services Canada: The Hon. Alfonso L. Gagliano, Minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada; Bruce Lorimer, Director General, Architectural and Engineering Services; Michael Nurse, Assistant Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of the Parliamentary Precinct renovation project.

The Hon. Alfonso Gagliano made a statement and with the other witnesses from the Public Works and Government Services Canada, answered questions.

At 12:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Susan Baldwin

Committee Clerk



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 47

Tuesday, November 24, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration Bill C-41, An Act to amend the Royal Canadian Mint and the Currency Act.

WITNESSES:

Royal Canadian Mint:

Marguerite Nadeau, Senior Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Legal Services; Danielle Wetherup, Master.





Meeting No. 47

Tuesday, November 24, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:00 a.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Membes of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Tony Ianno, Marlene Jennings, Ghislain Lebel, Carolyn Parrish, Carmen Provenzano, Werner Schmidt, Ben Serré, Brent St. Denis.??

Acting Members present: Ken Epp for John Duncan; Lou Sekora for Gerry Byrne.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages; Jack Stilborn, Researchers.

Witnesses: From the Royal Canadian Mint: Beverly Ann Lepine, Vice President, Administration and Finance; Danielle Wetherup, Master of the Mint; Marguerite Nadeau, Senior Counsel and Corporate Secretary Legal Services.

The Committee discussed its future business.

David Chatters moved,--That, the Minister of Natural Resources, Ralph Goodale, be requested to appear before the Committee at the earliest opportunity, but not later than December 2, 1998, to address Supplementary Estimates and the Performance Reviews of the Department for the fiscal year of 1998-99.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Works and Government Services, Carolyn Parrish made a statement on Canada Post's retail program.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-41, An Act to amend the Royal Canadian Mint and the Currency Act.

Clause 1 carried.

On Clause 2.

Werner Schmidt, moved,--That Bill C-41, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing lines 2 to 18 on page 2 with the following:

"may

- (a) produce and arrange for the production and supply of coins of the currency of Canada;
- (b) produce coins of the currency of countries other than Canada;
- (c) melt, assay and refine gold, silver and other metals;
- (d) buy and sell gold, silver and other metals;

- (e) assay, refine, store and otherwise deal with gold, silver and other metals for the account of Her Majesty or others;
- (f) prepare and store shipments of coin, gold, silver and other metals and move such shipments to or from the Mint;
- (g) make medals, plaques and other devices;
- (h) to borrow or lease precious metals that it requires for the purposes of its operations; and
- (i) to do all other things that are incidental ou conducive to the attainment of the objects and the exercise of the powers of the Mint."

RULING OF THE CHAIR

Bill C-41 deletes clauses 2 and 4 of the Act and attempts to substitute something else for them. The amendments of Mr. Schmidt re-introduce the sections of the Act that the bill would delete. The wording in both amendments is almost word for word that of the original Act. In this instance, the proper course of action would be to vote against the clauses in the bill and re-install the provisions of the Act that way.

Where upon Mr. Schmidt appealed the decision of the Chair. The question was put by the Chair: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" The Chair's decision was sustained on the following division:

YEAS

Réginald Bélair, Lou Sekora, Roy Cullen, Tony Ianno, Marlene Jennings, Carolyn Parrish, Carmen Provenzano, Ben Serré, Ghislain Lebel.

NEAS

David Chatters, Ken Epp.

On Clause 3

Mr. Bernier moved,--That Bill C-41, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing lines 10 to 26 on page 3 with the following:

"6.6 The Governor in Council, may, by order, amend Part 2 of the schedule by amending any characteristic of a circulation coin."

After debate, the question was put on the amendment and it was agreed to.

Clause 3, as amended, carried.

On Clause 4

Mr. Schmidt moved,--That Bill C-41, in Clause 4, be amended by replacing line 27 on page 3 with the following:

R.S., c. 35 (3rd Supp.), s. 6

"4. Subsection 7(4) of the Act is replaced by the following:

(4) Where, pursuant to subparagraph 4(1)(c)(iii), the Mint deals with gold, silver or other metals for

the account of Her Majesty, payments for the purchase thereof shall be made out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund on the authorization of the Minister of Finance and all amounts received from the sale thereof shall be paid into the consolidated Revenue Fund."

RULING OF THE CHAIR

This amendment was ruled out of order on the same grounds as Mr. Schmidt's amendment to Clause 2.

On Clause 5

Mr. Schmidt moved,--That Bill C-41, in Clause 5, be amended by replacing lines 30 to 33 on page 3 with the following:

Board of Directors

"8. The Board of Directors of the Mint shall consist of nine directors, including the Chairperson and the Master."

After debate, the question was put on the amendment and it was negatived.

Clause 5 carried, on division.

Clause 6 carried.

On Clause 7.

Mr. Schmidt moved,--That Bill C-41, in Clause 7, be amended by replacing line 7 on page 4 with the following:

"not exceed 50 million dollars or such greater"

After debate, the question was put on the amendment and it was negatived.

Clause 7 carried, on division.

Clause 8 carried.

Clause 9 carried.

Clause 10 carried.

Clause 11 carried.

Clause 12 carried.

Clause 13 carried.

Clause 14, carried.

Clause 15 carried.

Schedule 1 carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried.

ORDERED,--That the Chair report the Bill to the House.

At 11:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Martine Bresson

Clerk(s) of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 48

Thursday, November 26, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of the British Columbia Forest Industry

WITNESSES:

Industrial, Wood & Allied Workers of Canada:

Darol Smith, Executive Board Member;

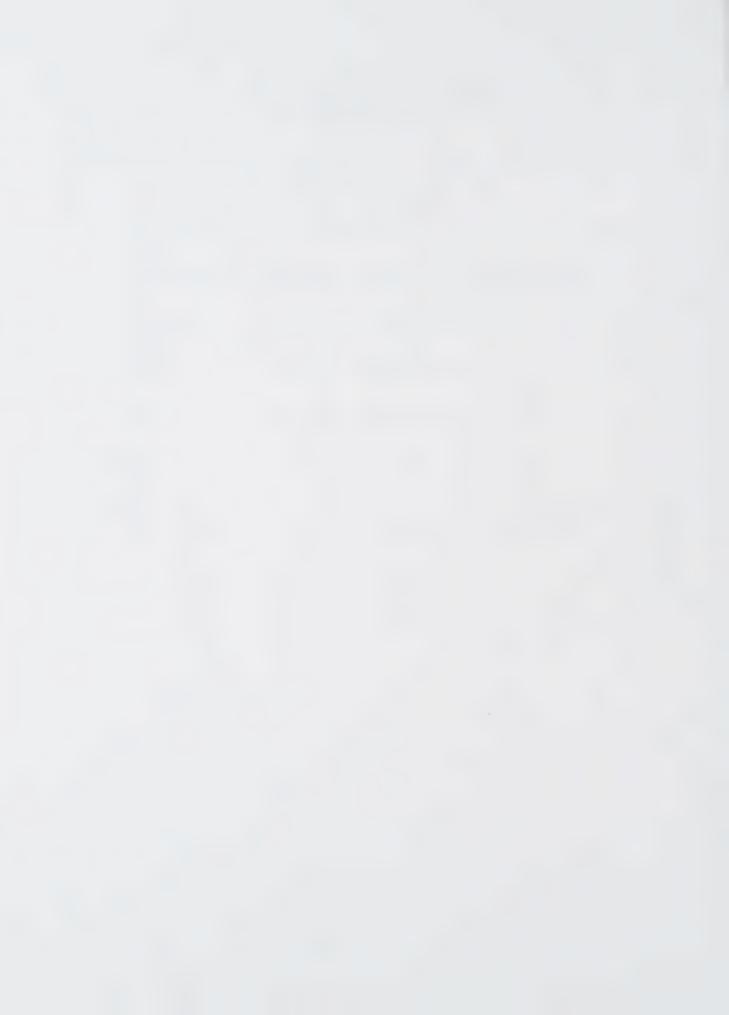
Darrel Wong, President.

International Forest Products Ltd.:

Ric Slaco, Chief Forester.

Western Forest products Ltd.:

Bill Dumont, Chief Forester.





Meeting No. 48

Thursday, November 26, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:00 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members) of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, Gerry Byrne, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Pierre de Savoye, John Duncan, Tony Ianno, Werner Schmidt, Ben Serré, Brent St. Denis.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages; Researcher.

Witnesses: From the Industrial, Wood & Allied Workers of Canada: Darrel Wong, President; Darol Smith, Executive Board Member; From the International Forest Products Ltd: Ric Slaco, Chief Forester. From the Western Forest Products Ltd: Bill Dumont, Chief Forester.

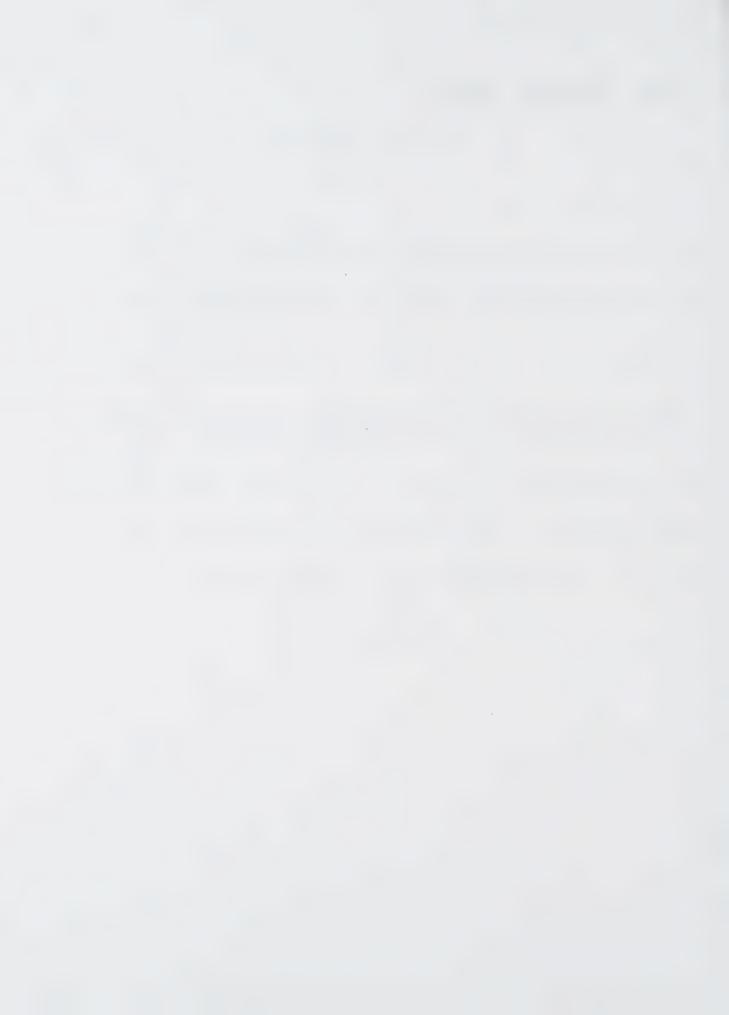
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced a study on the state of the British Columbia Forest Industry.

Darrel Wong, Ric Slaco and Bill Dumont each made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 12:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Susan Baldwin

Clerk(s) of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 49

Tuesday, December 1, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Future business





Meeting No. 49

Tuesday, December 1st, 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:00 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, Gerry Byrne, David Chatters. Roy Cullen, Pierre de Savoye, John Duncan, Marlene Jennings, Carolyn Parrish, Carmen Provenzano, Werner Schmidt, Ben Serré, Brent St. Denis.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages; Jack Stilborn, Research Officers.

The Committee proceeded to discuss future business.

Mr. Bernier gave notice of a motion which was read as follows: That pursuant to Standing Order 108, this committee send for all documents related to the decision by Canada Post Corporation to change the fee structure of the Canada Post franchisees and to the consultation process of the corporation with its private vendors regarding the implementation of the new fee structure. This order should exclude documents that may be of a commercially sensitive nature.

Carolyn Parrish made a statement on the fee structure of Canada Post franchises.

By unanimous consent John Duncan moved, concurrently.

- --That the Standing Committee on Natural Resources recommend to the Government adoption of the first 6 points of the Call to Action Plan regarding international marketing initiatives as outlined in the November 26, 1998 joint submission by the IWA-Canada Local 2171 and the Chief Foresters of Western Forest Products Limited and International Forest Products Ltd.
- --That the Standing Committee on Natural Resources recommend to the Government adoption of the recommendation dealing with toughening laws to prevent foreigners from illegally blockading forestry operations as contained in the November 26, 1998 joint submission by the IWA-Canada Local 2171 and the Chief Foresters of Western Forest Products Limited and International Forest Products Ltd.
- --That the Standing Committee on Natural Resources recommend to the Government adoption of the recommendation dealing with closely monitoring and guarding against trade barriers preventing the sale of Canadian Forest Products as contained in the November 26, 1998 joint submission by the IWA-Canada Local 2171 and the Chief Foresters of Western Forest Products Limited and International Forest Products Ltd.
- --That the Standing Committee on Natural Resources request the joint presenters to prepare a plan and budget to request federal spending priority to address the 6 points of the marketing plan strategy contained in the November 26, 1998 joint submission by the IWA-Canada Local 2171 and the Chief Foresters of Western Forest Products Limited and International Forest Products Ltd. for submission to the Standing Committee on Natural Resources for their consideration and recommendation.

By unanimous consent, Gilles Bernier moved,--That the Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations send a delegation of members to the mid-coast of British Columbia to meet with representatives of the BC forest industry, forestry unions, environmental groups, Greenpeace and aboriginal groups. Through their meetings, the delegation should assess current practices in the industry, sustainability and environmental issues and report back to the committee upon their return.

After debate, John Duncan, by unanimous consent, withdrew the first three motions.

The Committee agreed to invite witnesses to appear before the Committee on the subject matter of the first three motions.

After debate, it was agreed to amend motion 4 by replacing, in the first line, "request" by "invite".

After debate motion 4, as amended, was agreed to.

After debate, the motion moved by Gilles Bernier, was agreed to.

At 12:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Susan Baldwin

Committee Clerk

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NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 50

Tuesday, December 8, 1998

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Meeting No. 50

Wednesday, December 8 1998

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Pierre de Savoye, John Duncan, Tony Ianno, Marlene Jennings, Ghislain Lebel, Carolyn Parrish, Ben Serré, Brent St. Denis.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages; Jack Stilborn, Researchers.

The Committee proceeded to discuss future business.

The Committee agreed,--That the transcript for meeting 48 not be released to Greanpeace in an unedited form.

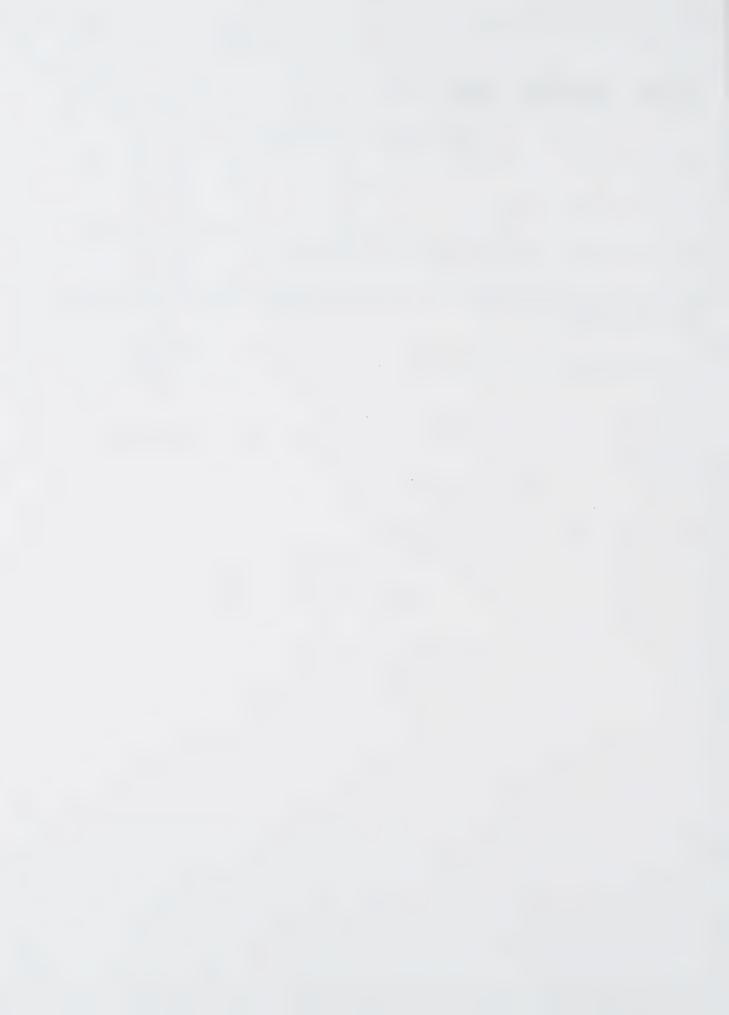
At 11:25 a.m., the Vice Chair, Ben Serré, took the Chair.

At 11:28 a.m., Brent St. Denis resumed the Chair.

At 11:47 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Susan Baldwin

Clerk of the Committee



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Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 51

Thursday, February 4, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Examination of the Canadian Diamond Industry in Canada

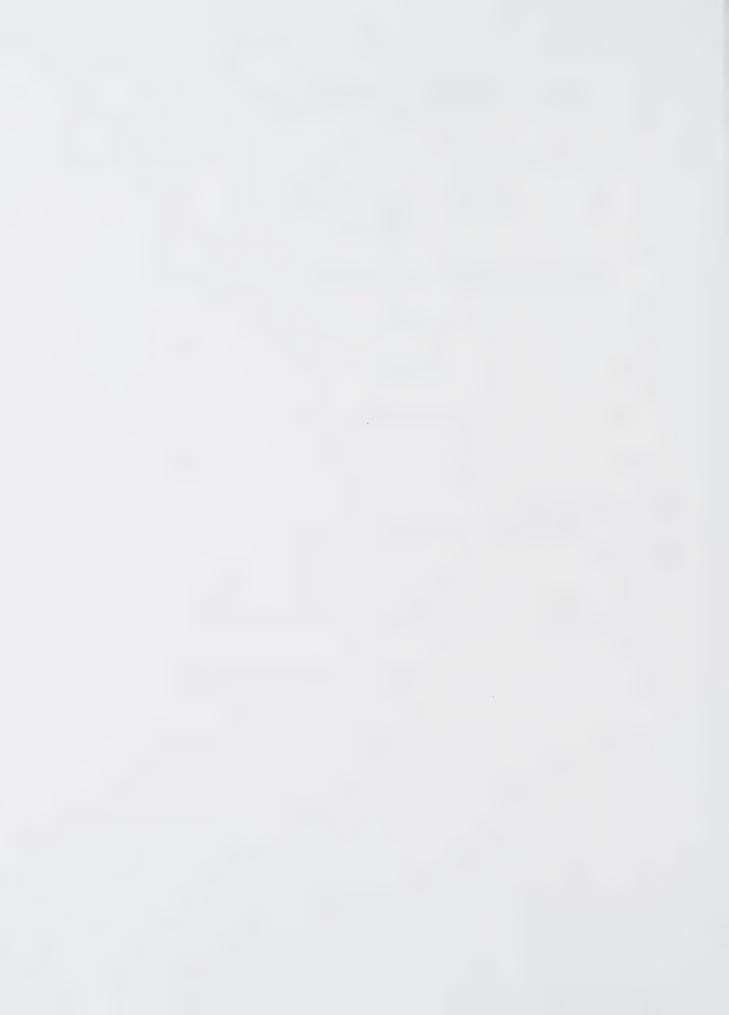
WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Doug Paget, Chief, Special Projects, Mineral Resources Directorate.

Natural Resources Canada:

Bruce W. Boyd, Deputy Director, Minerals Division, Minerals and Metals Sector.









Meeting No. 51

Thursday, February 4, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Pierre de Savoye, John Duncan, Marlene Jennings, Carmen Provenzano, Werner Schmidt and Brent St. Denis.

Acting Member(s) present: Gerald Keddy for Gilles Bernier.

Associate Member(s) present: Ghislain Fournier.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Research Officer.

Witness(es): From the Natural Resources Canada: Bruce W. Boyd, Deputy Director, Minerals Division; From the Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Doug Paget, Chief, Special Projects.

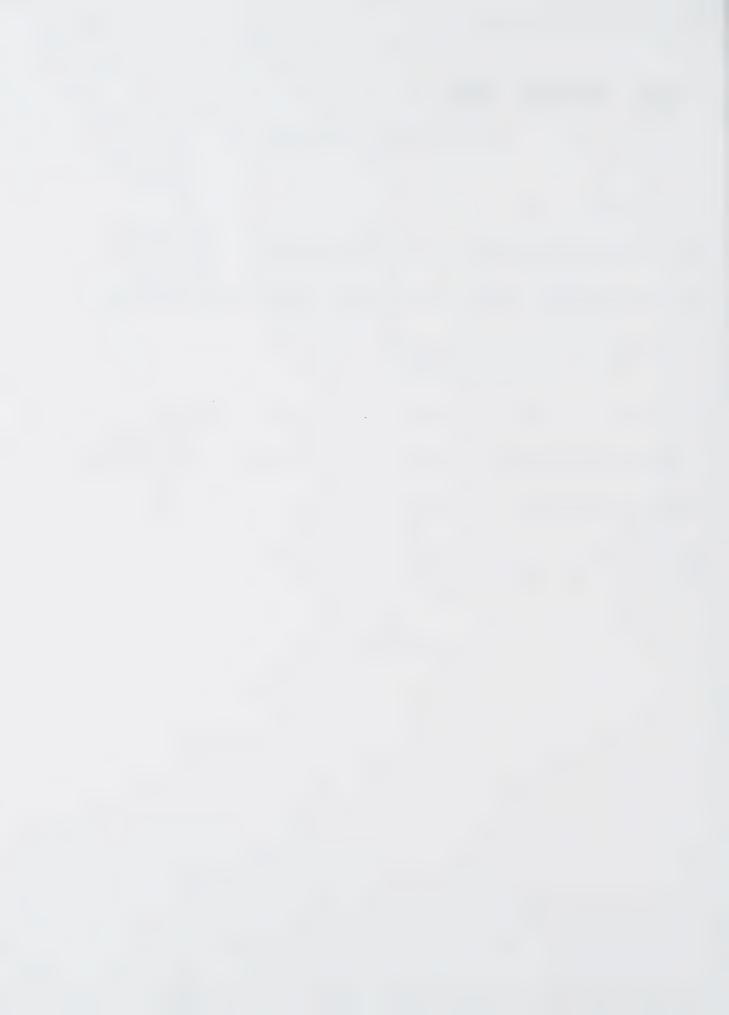
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced an examination of the Canadian diamond industry in Canada.

Bruce Boyd made a statement and with the other witness answered questions.

At 12:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas

Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 52

Thursday, February 11, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of knowledge and technology-based industries in the Natural Resources Sector

APPEARING:

Hon. Ralph Goodale, Minister of Natural Resources

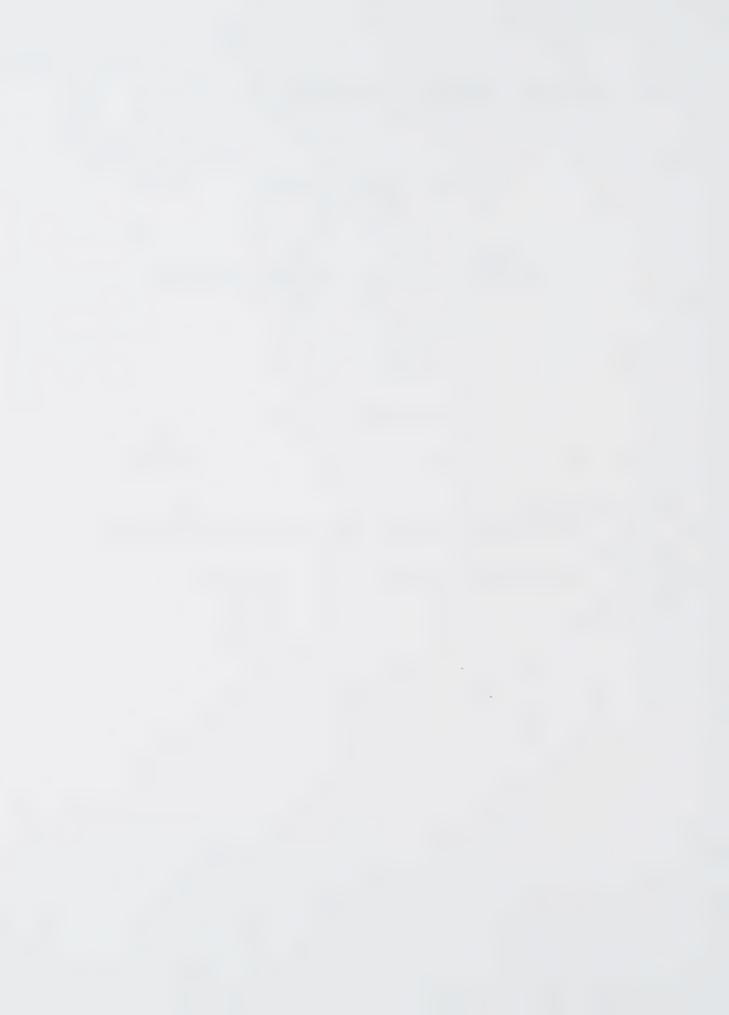
WITNESSES:

Department of Natural Resources:

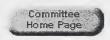
Mike Cleland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Sector;

Yvan Hardy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Forestry Service;

Jean-Claude St-Pierre, Director General, Mineral Technology Branch.









Meeting No. 52

Thursday, February 11, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Ben Serré, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilles Bernier, David Chatters, Pierre de Savoye, John Duncan. Tony Ianno, Marlene Jennings, Carolyn Parrish, Ben Serré.

Acting Member(s) present: Rob Anders for Werner Schmidt, Peter Mancini for Yvon Godin, Guy St-Julien for Réginald Bélair and Paul Steckle for Brent St.Denis.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages; Researcher.

Appearing: The Hon. Ralph Goodale, Minister of Natural Resources.

Witnesses: From the Department of Natural Resources: Dr. Yvan Hardy, Assistant Deputy Minister. Canadian Forest Service, Mr. Mike Cleland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Sector, Dr. Marc Denis Everell, Assistant Deputy Minister, Earth Science Sector, Mr. Jean-Claude St-Pierre, Director General, Mineral Technology Branch.

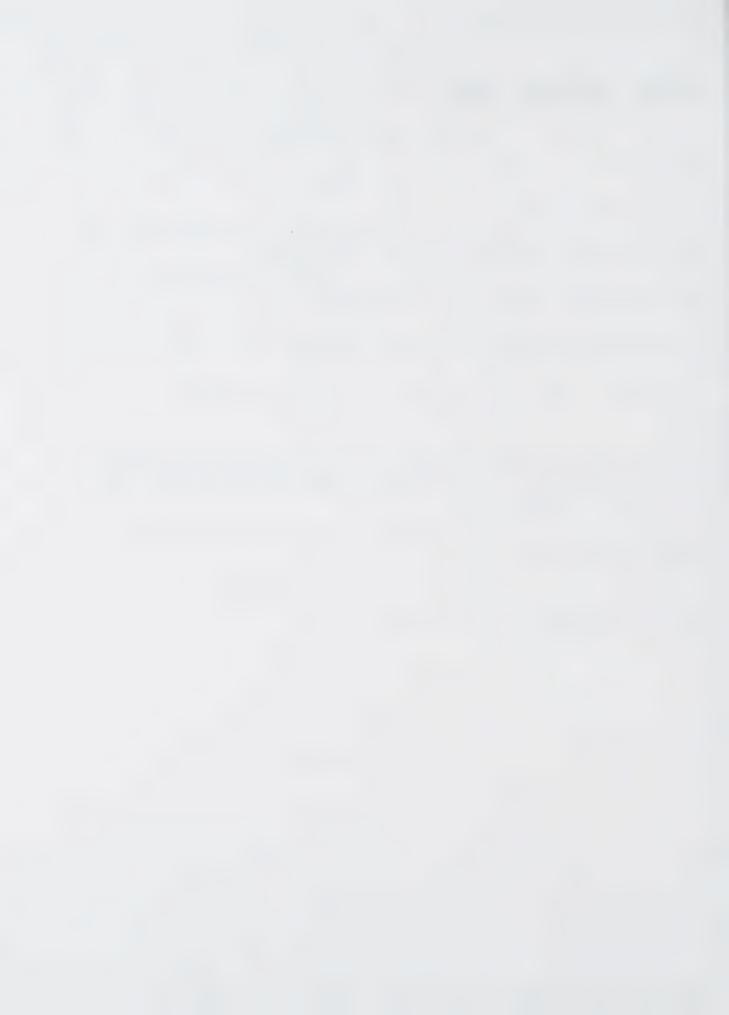
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of knowledge and technology-based industries in the Natural Resources Sector.

The Minister made a statement and with the witnesses answered questions.

At 5:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas

Clerk of the Committee



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Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 53

Tuesday, February 16, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

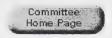
Follow-up to the Government's response to the "Think Rural" Report

APPEARING:

Hon. Lyle Vanclief, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food









Meeting No. 53

Tuesday, February 16, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 12:07 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gerry Byrne, Roy Cullen, Pierre de Savoye, John Duncan, Yvon Godin, Tony Ianno, Marlene Jennings, Ben Serré, Brent St. Denis.

Acting Member present: Gerald Keddy for Gilles Bernier.

Other member present: Larry McCormick.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages; Researcher.

Appearing: The Hon. Lyle Vanclief, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

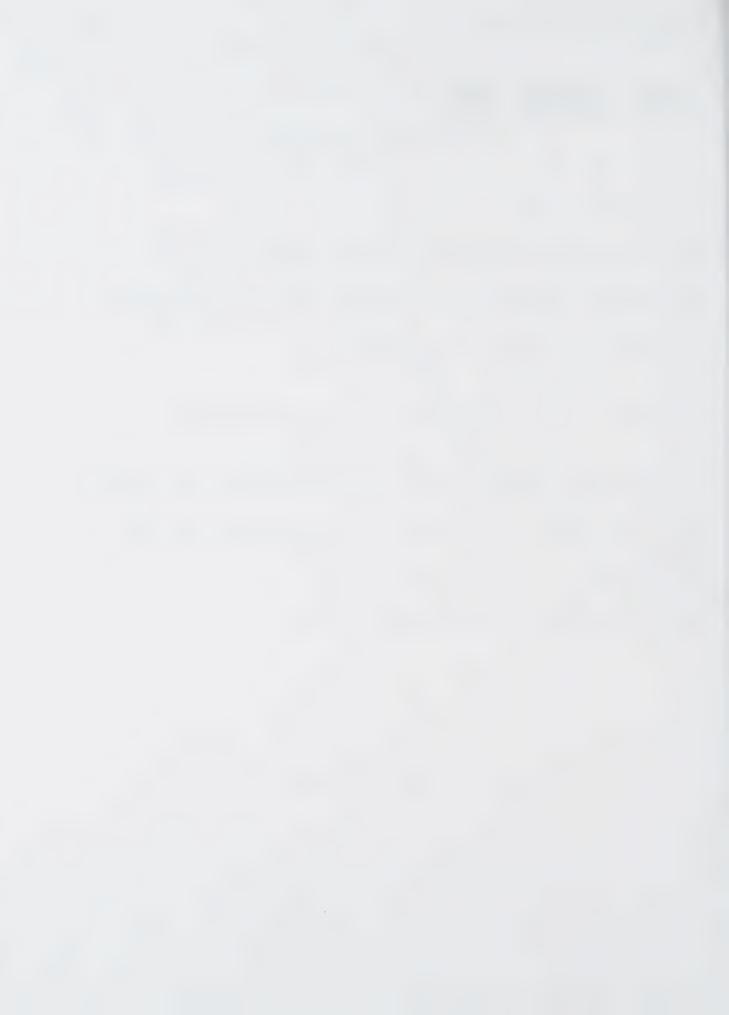
Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Michelle Comeau, Associate Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), follow-up to the Government's response to the "Think Rural" Report.

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas



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Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 54

Thursday, February 18, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

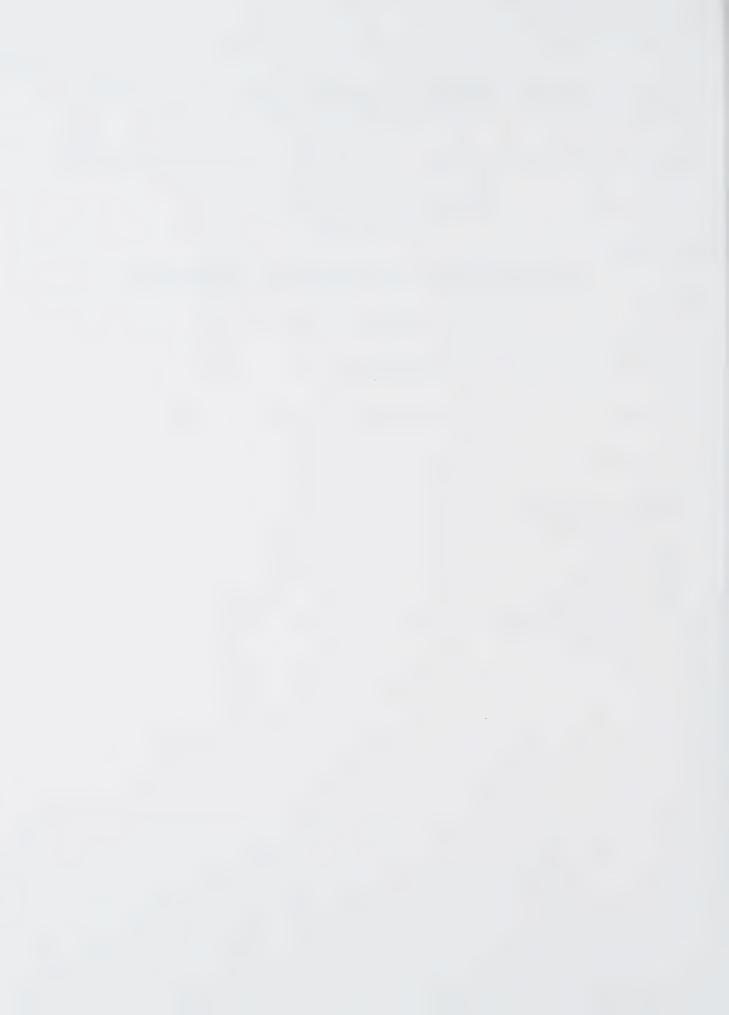
Study on climate change

WITNESSES:

Climate Change Secretariat:

Ian McGregor, Deputy Head;

David Oulton, Head.





Meeting No. 54

Thursday, February 18, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Roy Cullen, Pierre de Savoye, John Duncan, Marlene Jennings, Carolyn Parrish, Carmen Provenzano, Werner Schmidt, Ben Serré, Brent St. Denis.

Acting Members present: Rob Anders for David Chatters, Yvon Charbonneau for Gerry Byrne and Julian Reed for Tony Ianno.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages and Jack Stillborn, Researchers.

Witnesses: From the Climate Change Secretariat: David Oulton, Head and Ian McGregor, Deputy Head.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the terms of reference adopted by the Committee on April 23, 1998, the Committee resumed its study on climate change.

David Oulton made a statement and with the other witness answered questions.

At 12:10 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:12 p.m. the sitting resumed in camera to consider future business.

<u>It was agreed</u>, - That the Minister of Natural Resources and the Minister of Public Works and Government Services be invited to appear before the Committee with respect to the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.

It was agreed, - That the Committee hold two meetings on the matter of rural telecommunications and that representatives of Industry Canada, the CRTC, telecommunications providers and consumer groups be invited to appear.

It was agreed, - That ten members of the Committee (5 Liberals, 2 Reformers, 1 Bloc Québécois, 1 New Democrat and 1 Progressive Conservative) and the necessary staff travel to British Columbia to examine forest practices on the Mid-Coast and hold hearings from May 17 to 19, 1999 and that the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to prepare the necessary documentation, including a budget proposal.

At 12:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas

Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 55

Thursday, March 4, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

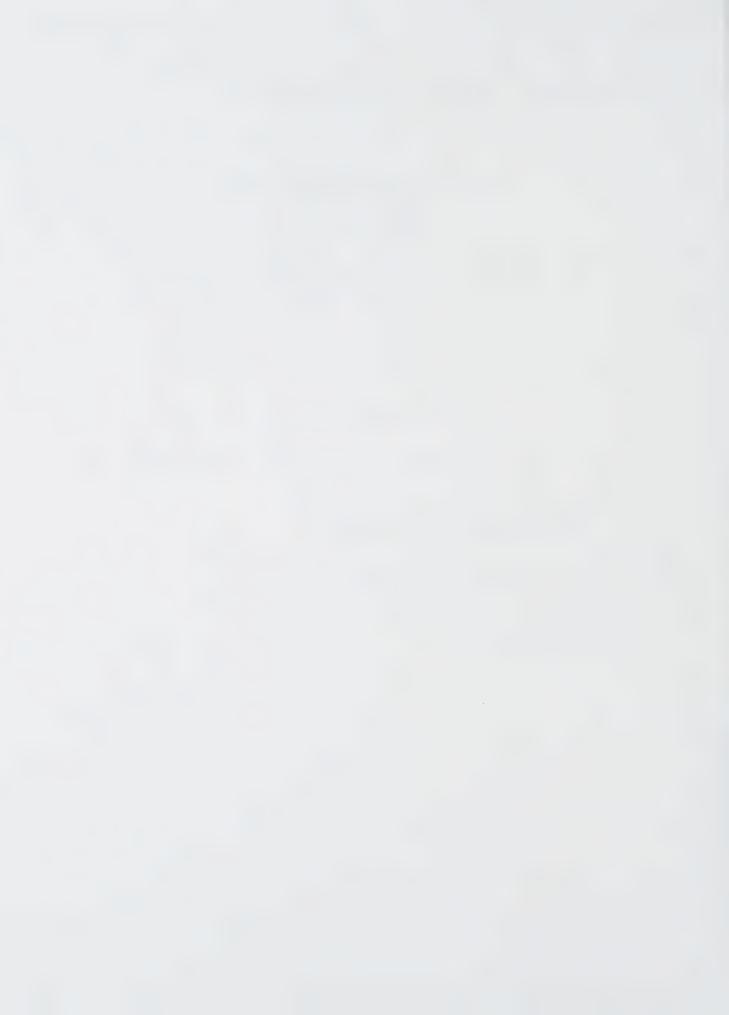
Consideration of issues relating to rural telecommunications

WITNESSES:

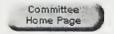
Canadian Radio Television and Telecommunications Commission:

David Colville, Vice-President, Telecommunications;

Scott Hutton, Tariff Analyst.









Meeting No. 55

Thursday, March 4, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Vice-Chair, Ben Serré, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Pierre de Savoye, John Duncan, Yvon Godin, Marlene Jennings, Carolyn Parrish, Carmen Provenzano, Ben Serré, Brent St. Denis.

Acting Members present: Claude Drouin for Tony Ianno; Larry McCormick for Gerry Burne; Paul Steckle for Brent St. Denis; Jean-Guy Chrétien for Ghislain Lebel; Rob Anders for Werner Schmidt; Brent St. Denis for Paul Steckle; Paul Steckle for Roy Cullen; Roy Cullen for Paul Steckle; Deborah Grey for John Duncan; Lorne Nystrom for Yvon Godin; John Duncan for Deborah Grey, Jacques Saada for Réginald Bélair and John Godfrey for Larry McCormick.

Other Member present: Roger Gallaway.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages and Jack Stilborn, Researchers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission: David Colville, Vice-Chairman, Telecommunications; Scott Hutton, Tariff Analyst; Leo Mével, Director, International, Social and Technology Policy; Denis Carmel, Parliamentary Relations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee began consideration of issues relating to rural telecommunications.

David Colville made a statement and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:30 a.m., Brent St. Denis took the Chair.

At 12:22 p.m., Rob Anders moved, - That the business portion of this meeting be held in public session.

After debate, the motion was negatived on a recorded division.

YEAS (6)

David Chatters Deborah Grey Rob Anders Pierre de Savoye Jean-Guy Chrétien Lorne Nystrom

NAYS(7)

Larry McCormick Roy Cullen Claude Drouin Marlene Jennings Carolyn Parrish Carmen Provenzano Ben Serré

At 12:35 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:38 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

Rob Anders moved, - That pursuant to Standing Order 81(7) and 81(8), and with respect to Vote 1 under the heading of Parliament of Canada in the Estimates, the Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations shall invite to appear before it the Chair of the Senate Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration to consider the expenditure plans and priotiries in future fiscal years for the Senate.

After debate, the motion was negatived on a recorded division.

At 1:21 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 56

Tuesday, March 9, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of issues relating to rural telecommunications

WITNESSES:

Canadian Federation of Agriculture:

Bob Friesen, President.

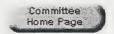
Ontario Telephone Association:

Tim DeWeerd, Treasurer and Chair, Regulatory Committee;

Keith Stevens, Past President.









Meeting No. 56

Tuesday, March 9, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Pierre de Savoye, Tony Ianno, Marlene Jennings, Carolyn Parrish, Ben Serré, Brent St. Denis.

Acting Members present: Carolyn Bennett for Roy Cullen and Rob Anders for Werner Schmidt.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Researcher.

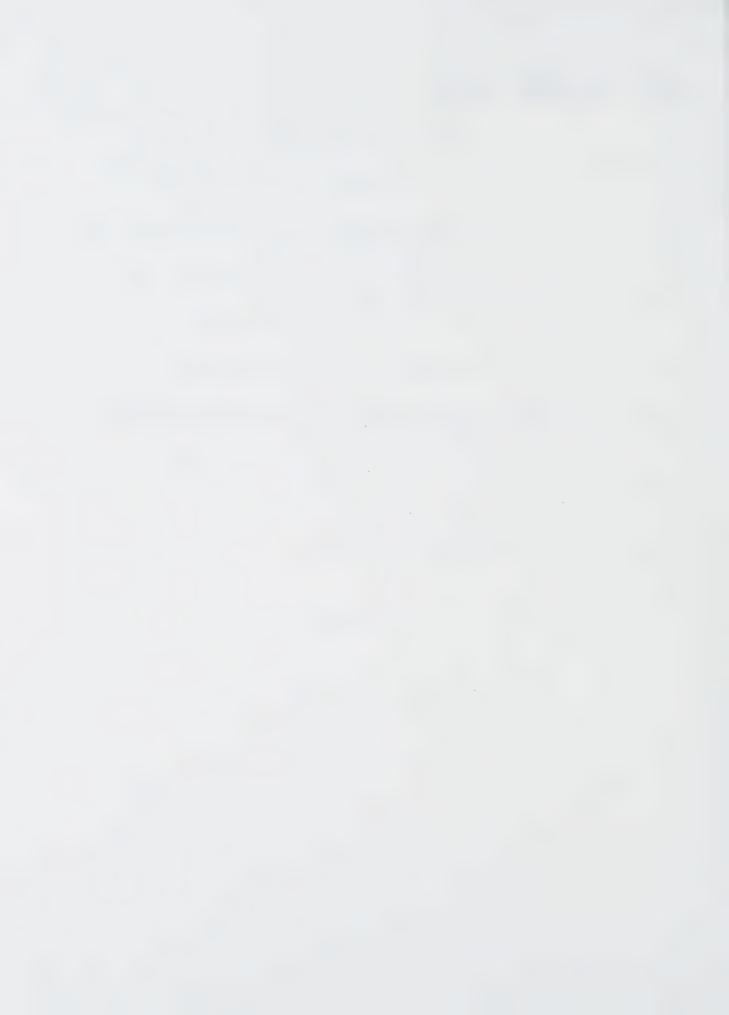
Witnesses: From the Canadian Federation of Agriculture: Bob Friesen, President; From the Ontario Telephone Association: Keith Stevens, Manager, Hurontario Telephones Limited; Tim DeWeerd, General Manager/Secretary/Treasurer, Quadro Communications.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Commmittee resumed consideration of issues relating to rural telecommunications.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 4:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 57

Thursday, March 11, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of issues relating to rural telecommunications

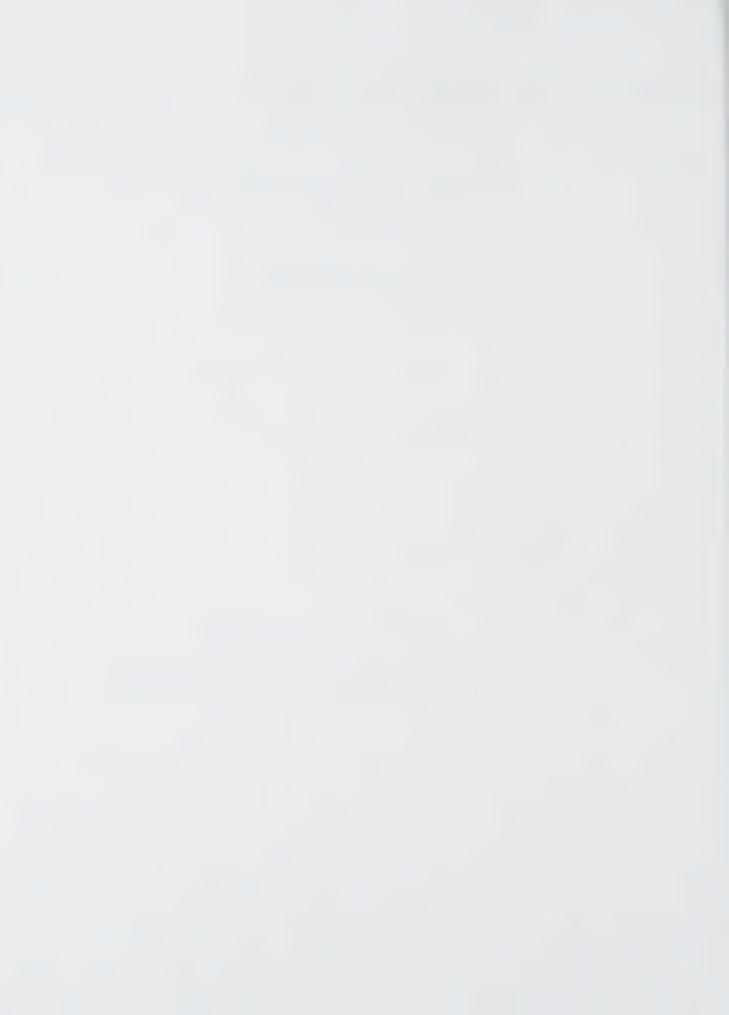
WITNESSES:

Industry Canada:

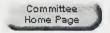
Doug Hull, Director General, Information Highway Applications Branch;

Allan MacGillivray, Director, Industry Framework, Telecommunications Policy Branch;

Leonard St-Aubin, Director, Business and Regulatory Analysis, Telecommunications Branch.









Meeting No. 57

Thursday, March 11, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Roy Cullen, Carmen Provenzano, Ben Serré, Brent St. Denis.

Acting Members present: Rob Anders for David Chatters; Antoine Dubé for Pierre de Savoye.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Researcher.

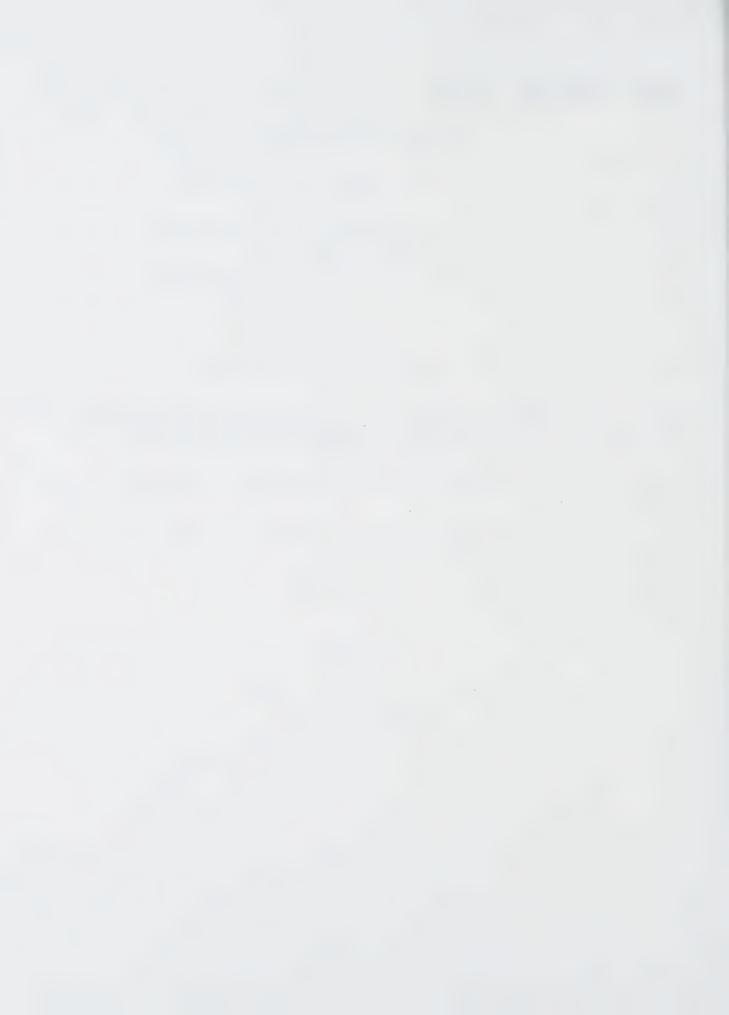
Witnesses: From Industry Canada: Doug Hull, Director General, Information Highway Applications Branch; Allan MacGillivray, Director, Industry Framework, Telecommunications Policy Branch; Wayne Tosh, Director, Community Access Program, Information Highway Applications; Leonard St-Aubin, Director, Business and Regulatory Analysis, Telecommunications Policy Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of issues relating to rural telecommunications.

Doug Hull and Allan MacGillivray made statements and with the other witnesses answered questions.

At 12:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 58

Thursday, March 18, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

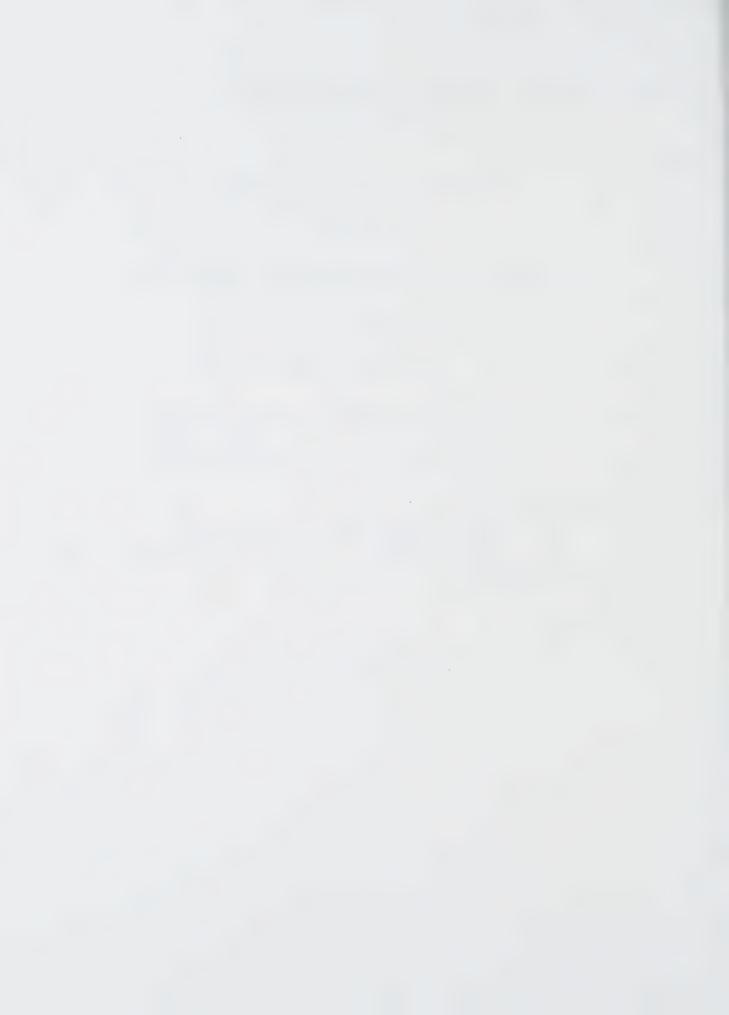
Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March31, 2000 being read as follows:

Votes 1, 5, 10, 45, and 55 under PRIVY COUNCIL be referred to the Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations

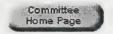
WITNESS:

Privy Council Office:

Mel Cappe, Clerk of the Privy Council and Secretary to the Cabinet.









Meeting No. 58

Thursday, March 18, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Yvon Godin, Ghislain Lebel, Carolyn Parrish, Ben Serré, Brent St. Denis.

Acting Members present: Gerald Keddy for Gilles Bernier.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jack Stilborn, Researcher officer.

Witnesses: From the Privy Council Office: Mel Cappe, Clerk of the Privy Council and Secretary to the Cabinet; Elisabeth Nadeau, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services.

The Order of Reference dated Monday, March 1, 1999, relating to the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000 being read as follows:

Ordered, - That Votes 1, 5, 10, 45 and 55 under PRIVY COUNCIL be referred to the Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations.

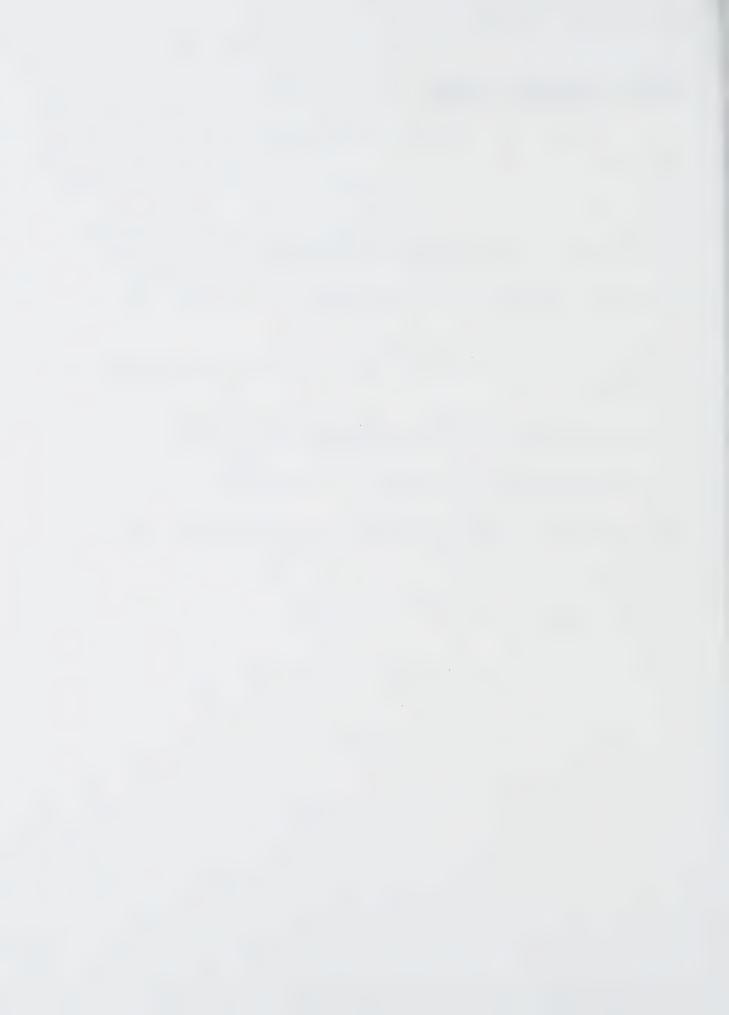
The Chair called Vote 1.

Mel Cappe made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 12:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Janice Hilchie

Committee Clerk





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 59

Thursday, March 25, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-66, An Act to amend the National Housing Act and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Act

APPEARING:

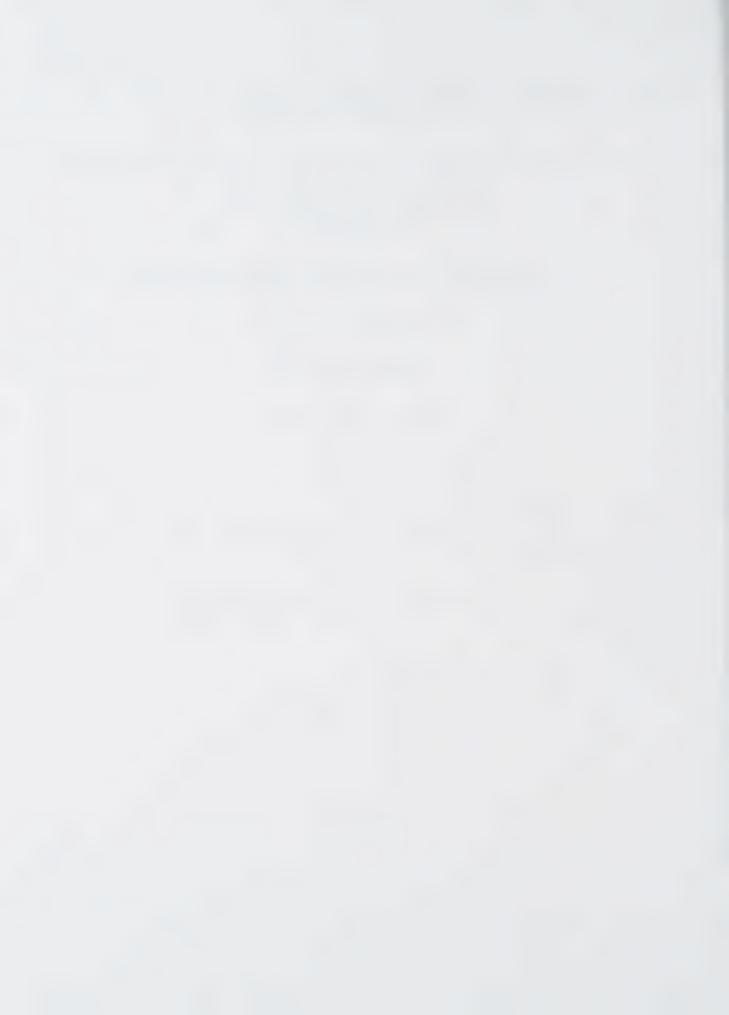
Hon. Alfonso Gagliano, Minister of Public Works and Government Services

WITNESSES:

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation:

Karen Kinsley, Vice-President, Insurance;

Douglas Stewart, Vice-President, Policy and Programs.





Meeting No. 59

Thursday, March 25, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:35 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, Gerry Byrne, Roy Cullen, John Duncan, Ghislain Lebel, Carolyn Parrish, Carmen Provenzano, Ben Serré, Brent St. Denis.

Acting Members present: Rob Anders for Werner Schmidt and Réal Ménard for Pierre de Savoye.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jack Stilborn, Researcher.

Appearing: The Hon. Alfonso Gagliano, Minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada.

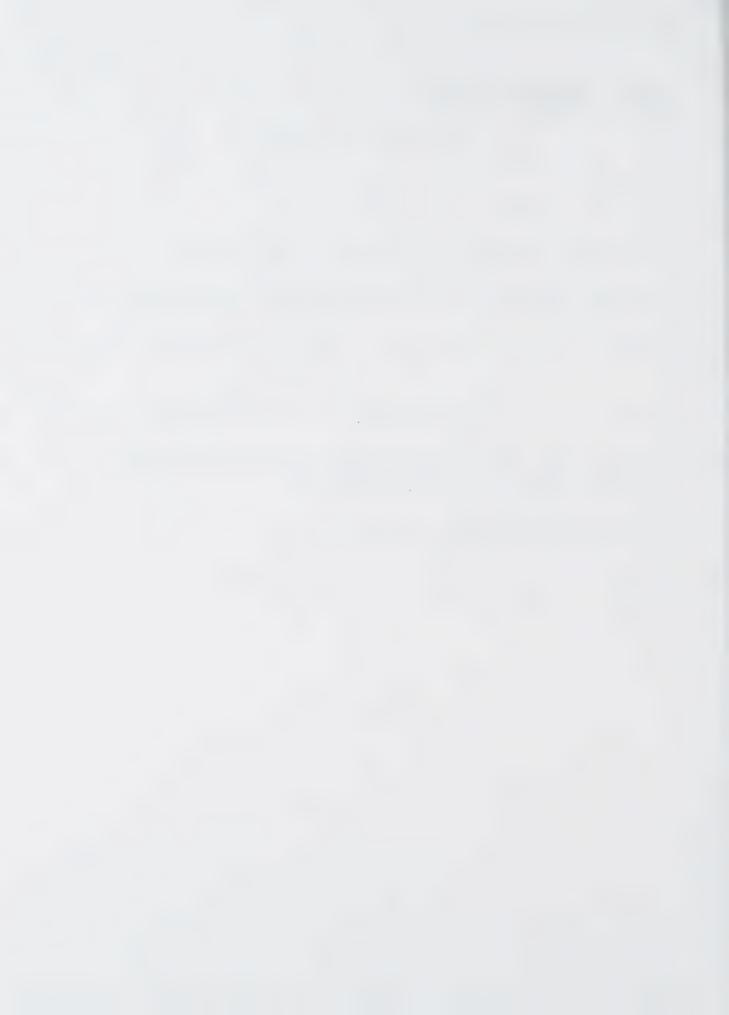
Witnesses: From the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation: Marc Rochon, President; Douglas Stewart, Vice-President, Policy and Programs; Karen Kinsley, Vice-President, Insurance; André Asselin, Director, Strategic Planning, Policy and Marketing.

The Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-66, An Act to amend the National Housing Act and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Act.

The Minister made a statement and with the witnesses answered questions.

At 12:43 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 60

Tuesday, April 13, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-66, An Act to amend the National Housing Act and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Act

WITNESSES:

Appraisal Institute of Canada:

Terry Gifford, Executive Vice-President;

Bob Wade, President-Elect.

Bank of Montreal:

Ann M. Rheault, Director, Aboriginal Banking Group.

Canadian Home Builders' Association:

John Kenward, Chief Operating Officer.

Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada:

Danielle Cécile, Director, Sector Development;

Laird Hunter, Counsel.

GE Capital Mortgage Insurance Canada:

Phil Mayers, Vice-President, Business Development and Securitization;

Peter Vukanovich, President;

Bob Weese, Vice-President, Government and External Relations.



Meeting No. 60

Tuesday, April 13, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 9:33 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, Gerry Byrne, Roy Cullen, Marlene Jennings, Ghislain Lebel, Carolyn Parrish, Carmen Provenzano, Werner Schmidt, Ben Serré, Brent St. Denis.

Acting Members present: Michelle Dockrill for Yvon Godin; Larry McCormick for Tony Ianno; Rob Anders for David Chatters.

Other Member present: Tony Ianno.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jack Stilborn, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Appraisal Institute of Canada: Bob Wade, President-elect; Terry Gifford, Executive Vice-President. From the GE Capital Mortgage Insurance: Peter Vukanovich, President; Bob Weese, Vice-President, Government and External Relations; Phil Mayers, Vice-President, Business Development and Securitization. From the Bank of Montreal: Ann M. Rheault, Director. Aboriginal Banking Group. From the Canadian Home Builders' Association: John Kenward, Chief Operating Officer: Donald Johnston, Senior Director, Technology and Policy. From the Cooperative Housing Federation of Canada: Laird Hunter, Counsel; Danielle Cécile, Director, Social Development.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-66, An Act to amend the National Housing Act and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Act.

Bob Wade and Peter Vukanovich made statements and with the other witnesses from the Appraisal Institute of Canada and GE Capital Mortgage Insurance answered questions.

At 11:08 a.m. the sitting was suspended.

At 11:15 a.m. the sitting resumed.

Ann Rheault, John Kenward, Danielle Cécile and Laird Hunter made statements and answered questions.

At 12:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 61

Thursday, April 15, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

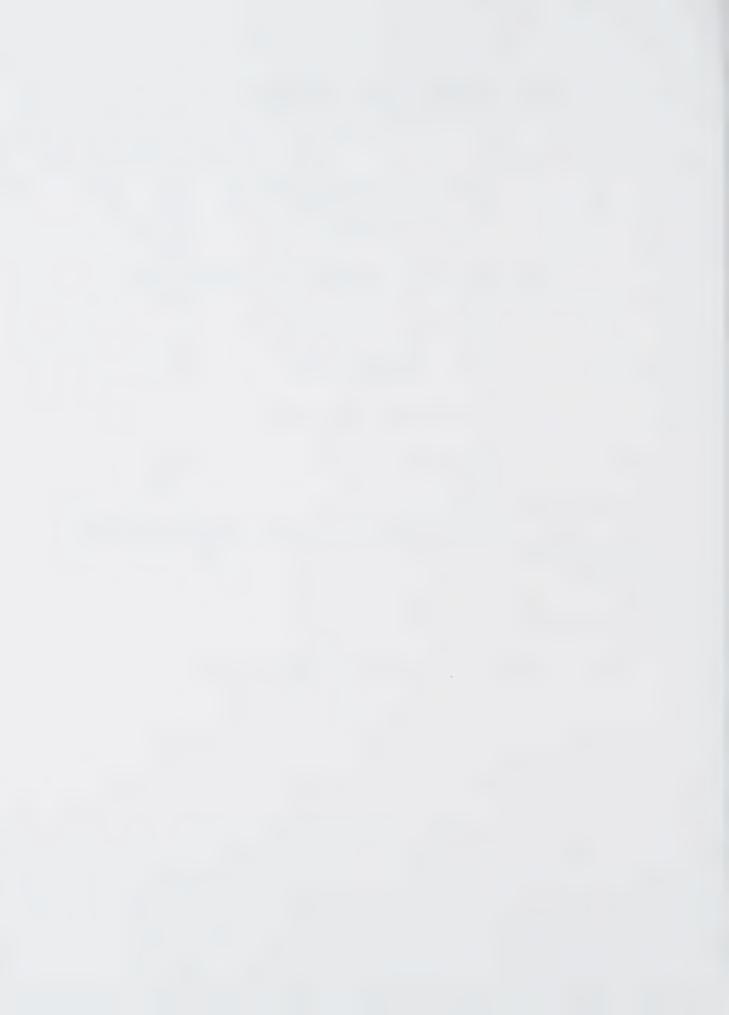
Consideration of Bill C-66, An Act to amend the National Housing Act and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Act

WITNESSES:

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation:

Marten Brodsky, Senior Solicitor;

Douglas A. Stewart, Vice-President, Policy and Programs.





Meeting No. 61

Thursday, April 15, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 9:34 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, Gerry Byrne, Roy Cullen, Tony Ianno, Ghislain Lebel, Carolyn Parrish, Carmen Provenzano, Werner Schmidt, Ben Serré, Brent St. Denis.

Acting Members present: Murray Calder for Marlene Jennings; Claude Drouin for Ben Serré; Rob Anders for David Chatters and Michelle Dockrill for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jack Stilborn, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation: Martin Brodsky, Senior Solicitor; Douglas Stewart, Vice-President, Policy and Programs; Karen Kinsley, Vice-President, Insurance; André Asselin, Director, Strategic Planning and Policy.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-66, An Act to amend the National Housing Act and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Act.

The Committee proceeded to Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

The witnesses answered questions.

Clauses 1 and 2 carried on division.

On Clause 3,

Werner Schmidt moved, - That Bill C-66, in clause 3, be amended by deleting lines 39 to 41 on page 6.

After debate, the amendment was negative on a recorded division.

YEAS(3)

NAYS (10)

Rob Anders Werner Schmidt Gilles Bernier

Réginald Bélair Gerry Byrne Roy Cullen

Tony Ianno Murray Calder Carolyn Parrish Carmen Provenzano Claude Drouin Ghislain Lebel Michelle Dockrill

Gilles Bernier moved - That Bill C-66, in Clause 3, be amended by adding after line 23 on page 7 the following new clause:

- "18.1 (1) Where the Corporation pays an amount to the Receiver General under subsection 18(2), the Minister shall
 - (a) pay to the Corporation, for the purposes referred to in subsection (2), an amount equal to that amount; or
 - (b) pay into the Social Housing Fund established under subsection (3), an amount equal to that amount.
- (2) Where an amount is paid to the Corporation under paragraph 18.1(a), the amount shall be given by the Corporation in the form of a grant to a prescribed person, in the prescribed manner and within the prescribed time, for the purpose of assisting that person to construct one or more low-rental housing projects.
- (3) The Minister may establish a program for the construction of low-rental housing projects to be administered by the Corporation and where the Minister does so, the Minister shall establish a Fund to be called the Social Housing Fund for the purposes of receiving any amount referred to in paragraph (b). The monies in the Fund shall be used to finance the program established by the Minister."

After debate, the amendment was negatived by a show of hands.

YEAS(3)

NAYS (10)

Clause 3 carried on division.

On Clause 4,

Michelle Dockrill moved, - That Bill C-66, in Clause 4, be amended by adding after line 37 on page 9 the following:

"(5) The terms of a contract entered into under subsection 22(1) shall provide that the rent charged for each unit of a housing project in the first three years following the unit's construction, shall not exceed an amount determined by the Corporation."

After debate, the amendment was negatived by a show of hands.

YEAS(3)

NAYS (9)

Clause 4 carried on division.

Clauses 5 and 6 carried.

On Clause 7,

Michelle Dockrill moved, - That Bill C-66, in Clause 7, be amended by adding after line 4 on page 12 the following:

"(3) The terms and conditions of a loan made to a non-resident owner under subsection 51(1) shall provide that the rent charged for each unit of a housing project in the first three years after the loan is made, shall not exceed an amount determined by the Corporation."

After debate, the amendment was negatived by a show of hands.

YEAS (3) NAYS (9)

Clauses 8 to 23 carried on division.

Clause 24 carried on division.

On Clause 25.

Gilles, Bernier moved, - That Bill C-66, in Clause 25, be amended:

- (a) by deleting lines 19 to 34 on page 19.
- (b) by replacing line 35 on page 19 with the following:

"25. Subsection 6(7) of the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Act is replaced"

After debate, the amendment was negatived by a show of hands.

YEAS (5) NAYS (7)

Clauses 26 to 29 carried.

Clause 30 carried on a recorded division.

YEAS (7) NAYS (5)

Réginald BélairRob AndersGerry ByrneWerner SchmidtRoy CullenGhislain LebelMurray CalderMichelle DockrillCarolyn ParrishGilles BernierCarmen Provenzano

Ben Serré

Clauses 31 to 41 carried on division.

On Clause 42,

Gilles Bernier moved, - That Bill C-66, in Clause 42, be amended by deleting lines 37 to 43 on page 23 and lines 1 to 18 on page 24.

After debate, the amendment was negative by a show of hands.

YEAS(5)

NAYS (7)

Clause 42 carried on division.

Clause 43 carried on division.

The Title carried on division.

The Bill carried on division.

It was agreed, - That the Chair report the Bill, without amendment, to the House.

At 10:12 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas

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Standing Committee on

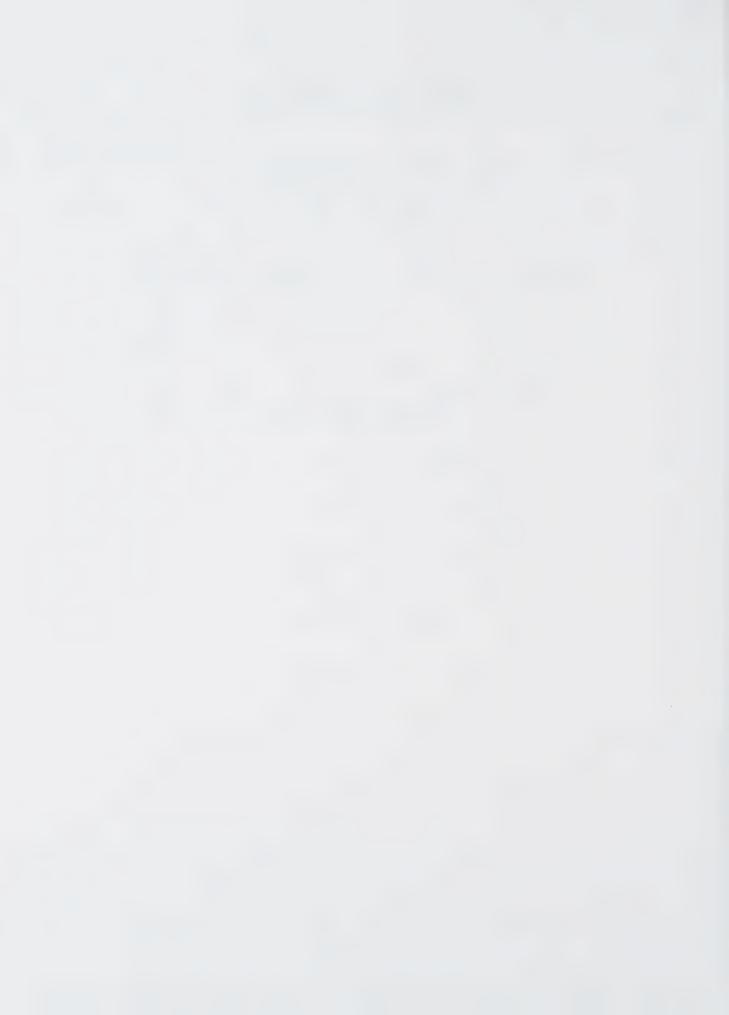
NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 62

Tuesday, April 20, 1999

IN CAMERA





Meeting No. 62

Tuesday, April 20, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met *in camera* at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gerry Byrne, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Pierre de Savoye, John Duncan, Yvon Godin, Tony Ianno, Marlene Jennings, Carolyn Parrish, Carmen Provenzano, Werner Schmidt, Ben Serré, Brent St. Denis.

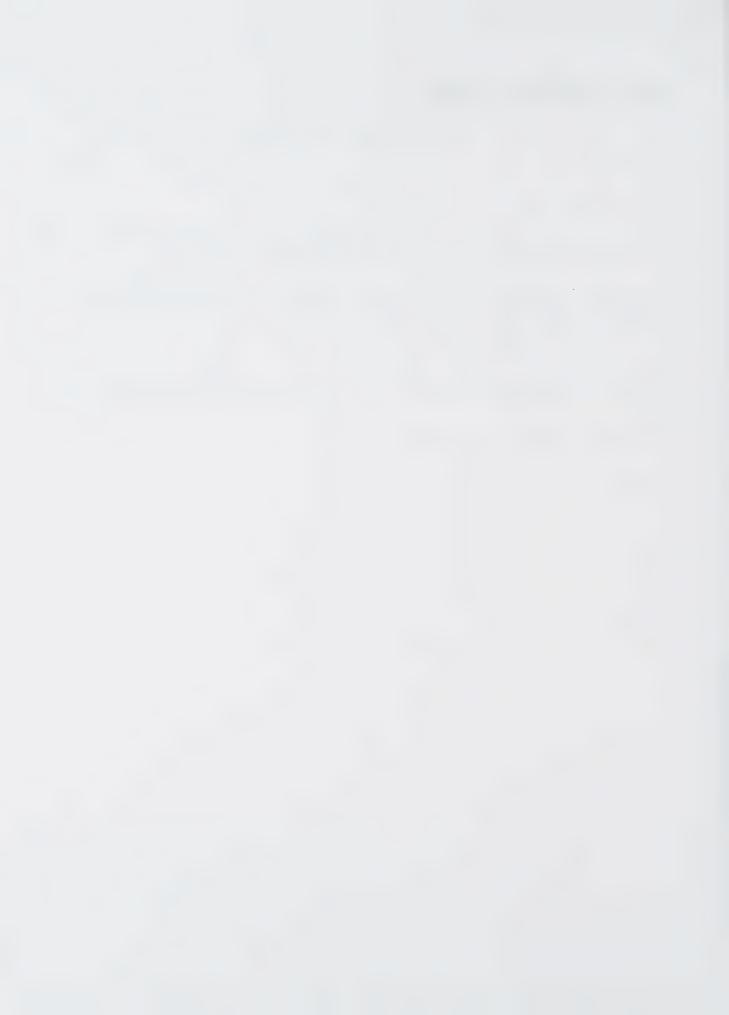
Acting Member present: Gerald Keddy for Gilles Bernier.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages and Jack Stilborn, Research Officers.

The Committee considered future business.

At 12:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 63

Thursday, April 22, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Main Estimates 1999-2000: Votes under PUBLIC WORKS AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES

APPEARING:

Hon. Alfonso Gagliano, Minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada

WITNESSES:

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation:

Bill Mulvihill, Vice-President of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer;

Marc Rochon, President.

Canada Post Corporation:

Hon. André Ouellet, President.

Department of Public Works and Government Services:

Ran Quail, Deputy Minister.





Meeting No. 63

Thursday, April 22, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:42 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, Gerry Byrne, Roy Cullen, John Duncan, Tony Ianno, Marlene Jennings, Carolyn Parrish, Carmen Provenzano, Werner Schmidt, Ben Serré, Brent St. Denis.

Acting Members present: Francine Lalonde for Ghislain Lebel; John O'Reilly for Ben Serré; Peter Stoffer for Yvon Godin; Marlene Catterall for Tony Ianno.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages and Jack Stilborn, Research Officers.

Appearing: The Hon. Alfonso Gagliano, Minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada.

Witnesses: From the Public Works and Government Services Canada: Ran Quail, Deputy Minister. From the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation: Marc Rochon, President; Bill Mulvihill. Vice-President. From the Royal Canadian Mint: Danielle Wetherup, President. From the Canada Information Office: Marc Lafrenière, Executive Director. From the Canada Post Corporation: André Ouellet, President.

1999-2000 Main Estimates: Votes under PUBLIC WORKS AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

The Minister made a statement and with the witnesses answered questions.

It was agreed, - That the Committee approve the Budget Submission in the amount of \$73,595.00 for a visit and public hearings in Vancouver, Williams Lake and Bella Coola concerning its study of Canadian Forest Management as an International Trade Issue and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Sub-Committee.

It was agreed, - That the dates for the Committee's travel be changed from May 16 - 19 to May 11 -14, 1999.

At 1:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 64

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-78, Public Sector Pension Investment Board Act

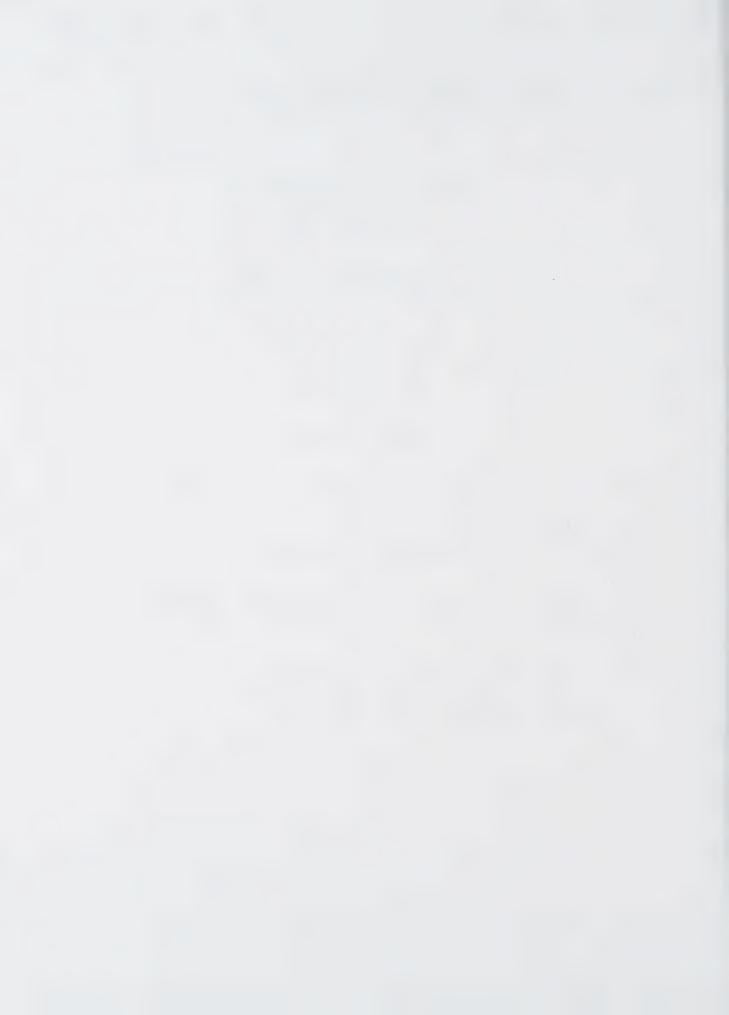
APPEARING:

Hon. Marcel Massé, President of the Treasury Board and Minister responsible for Infrastructure **WITNESSES:**

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:

Sharon Hamilton, Assistant Secretary, Pensions Divisions;

Alain Jolicoeur, Chief Human Resources Officer.





Meeting No. 64

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Roy Cullen, John Duncan, Tony Ianno, Marlene Jennings, Carolyn Parrish, Carmen Provenzano, Ben Serré, Brent St. Denis.

Acting Members present: Pat Martin for Yvon Godin; Yvan Loubier for Ghislain Lebel; John Williams for Werner Schmidt; Jim Abbott for David Chatters.

Other Members present: Scott Brison and Eric Lowther.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewettering, Research Officer.

Appearing:: The Honourable Marcel Massé, President of the Treasury Board.

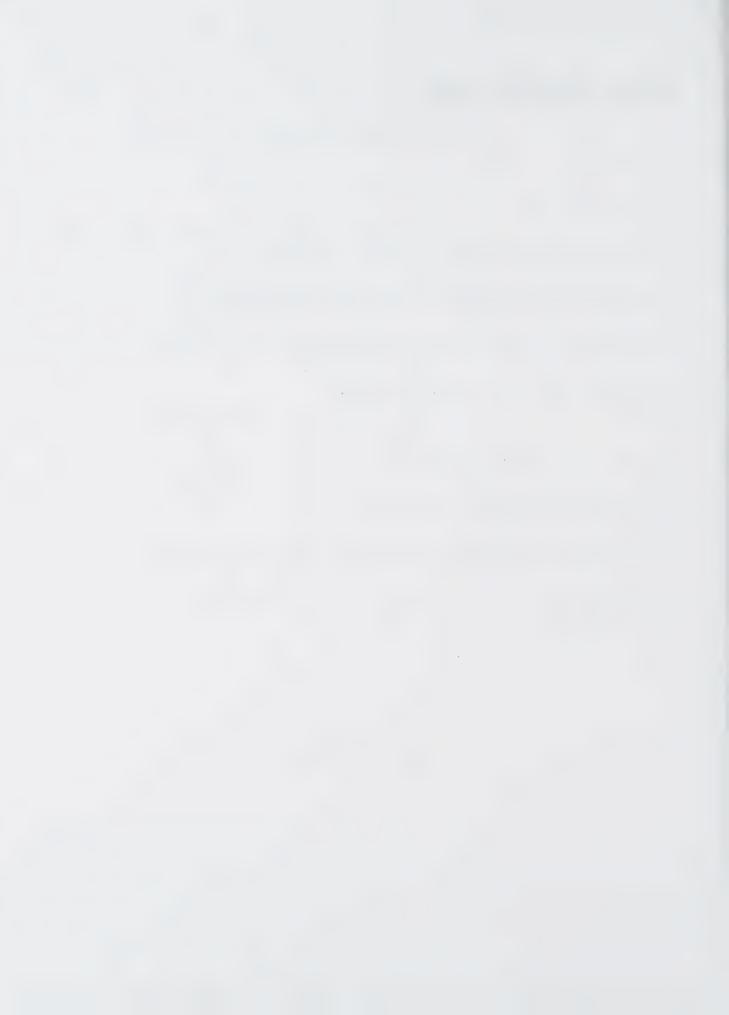
Witnesses: From the Treasury Board of Canada: Sharon Hamilton, Associate Secretary, Pensions Division; Alain Jolicoeur, Chief Human Resources Officer.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of the House dated Monday, April 26, 1999, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-78, Public Sector Pension Investment Board Act.

The Minister made a statement and with the witnesses answered questions.

At 5:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 65

Wednesday, April 28, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-78, Public Sector Pension Investment Board Act

WITNESSES:

Federal Superannuates National Association:

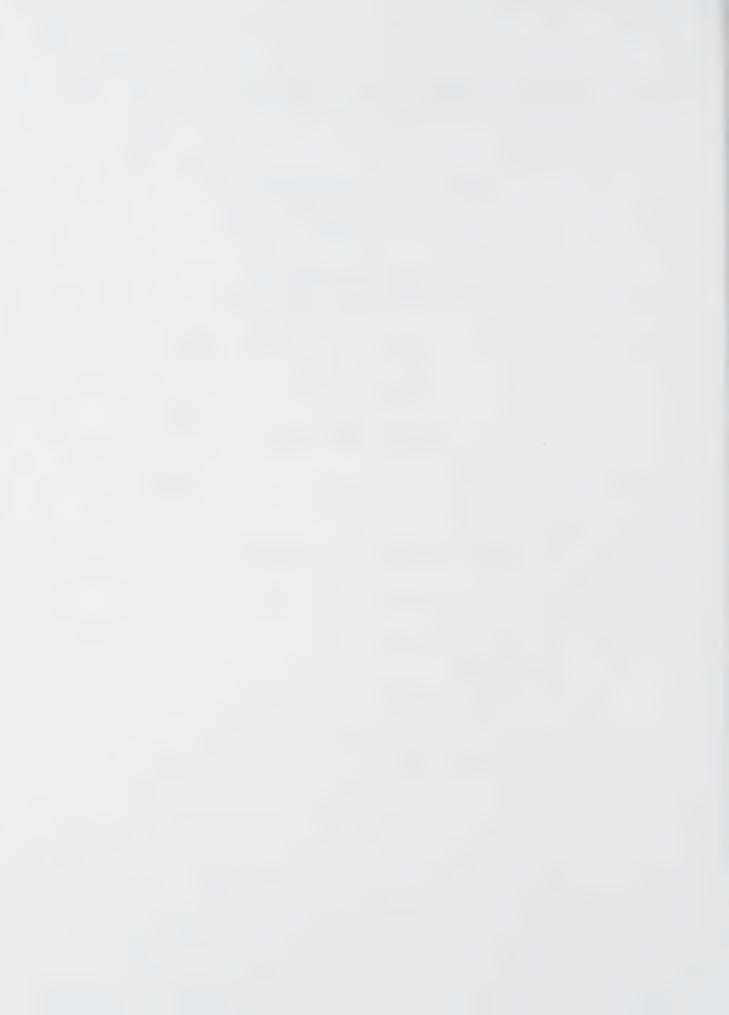
Claude Edwards, Member of the Board;

Rex Guy, National President;

Allan McLellan, Member of the Board;

Keith Patterson, Deputy Executive Director, Research;

Jean-Guy Soulière, Executive Director.





Meeting No. 65

Wednesday, April 28, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Tony Ianno, Marlene Jennings, Carmen Provenzano and Brent St. Denis.

Acting Members present: Pierrette Venne for Pierre deSavoye; John Williams for Werner Schmidt; Rob Anders for John Duncan; Joe Jordan for Gerry Byrne; Scott Brison for Gilles Bernier.

Other Member present: Pat Martin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewettering, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Federal Superannuates National Association: Rex Guy, National President; Jean-Guy Soulière, Executive Director; Keith Patterson, Deputy Executive Director, Research; Claude Edwards, Member of the Board; Allan McLellan, Member of the Board.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of the House dated Monday, April 26, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-78, Public Sector Pension Investment Board Act.

Rex Guy made a statement and with the other witnesses answered questions.

At 4:00 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

At 4:33 p.m. the sitting resumed.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 5:39 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

At 5:40 p.m. resumed "in camera".

John Williams moved, - That the President of the Treasury Board be invited to appear before the Committee on Bill C-78 again.

After debate, the motion was negative by a show of hands. YEAS: 5 NAYS: 7

It was agreed, - That on Bill C-78 witnesses be invited from requests received and names submitted by Members representing actuaires, capital markets experts, public service unions as well as the legal drafters; that the scheduling of witnesses be done by the Chair and the Clerk of the Committee; and that these meetings be scheduled from May 3 to 5, 1999.

John Williams moved, - That the Canada Family Action Coalition and REAL Women be invited to appear on Bill C-78.

After debate, the motion was negatived by a show of hands YEAS: 3 NAYS: 7.

At 6:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 66

Monday, May 3, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-78, Public Sector Pension Investment Board Act

WITNESSES:

Department of Justice:

Ross Hornby, Senior General Counsel, Legal Services Branch;

Micheline Langlois, Senior Counsel, Legal Services Branch.

Treasury Board of Canada:

Joan Arnold, Director, Pension Legislation Development;

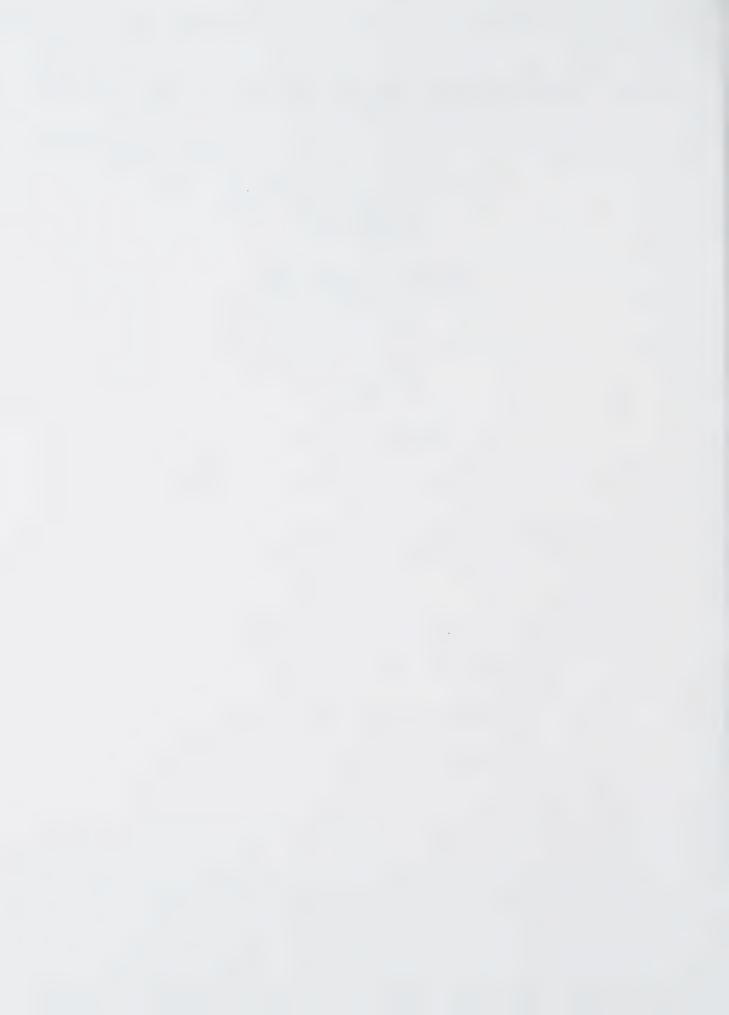
Diane Labelle, Senior Legislation Officer, Pension Legislation Development.

As Individuals:

Mark S. Fowler;

Malcolm Hamilton;

Julian Leung.





Meeting No. 66

Monday, May 3, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gerry Byrne, Roy Cullen, Tony Ianno, Ghislain Lebel, Carmen Provenzano, Ben Serré and Brent St. Denis.

Acting Members present: Gerald Keddy for Gilles Bernier; John Williams for Werner Schmidt; Paul Forseth for John Duncan and Rob Anders for David Chatters.

Other Member present: Marlene Catterall.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Research Officer.

Witnesses: As Individual: Malcolm Hamilton, Actuary, William Mercer and Associates; Mark S Fowler, Actuary; Julian Leung, Actuary, Julian Leung and Associates. From the Department of Justice: Micheline Langlois, Senior Counsel, Legal Services Branch; Ross Hornby, Senior General Counsel, Legal Services Branch. From the Treasury Board of Canada: Joan Arnold, Director, Pension Legislation Development; Diane Labelle, Senior Legislation Officer, Pension Legislation Development.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of the House dated Monday, April 26, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-78, Public Sector Pension Investment Board Act.

Messr. Hamilton, Fowler and Leung made statements and answered questions.

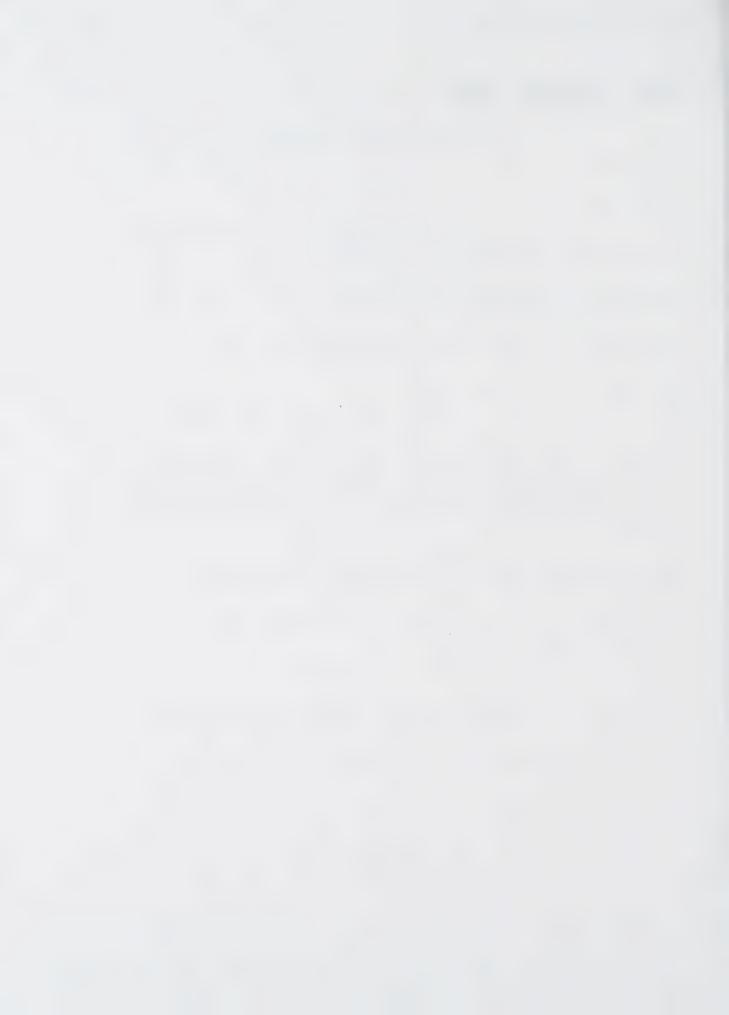
At 4:54 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

At 4:59 p.m. the sitting resumed.

The witnesses from the Department of Justice and Treasury Board answered questions.

At 6:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 67

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-78, Public Sector Pension Investment Board Act

WITNESSES:

Association of Public Service Alliance Retirees:

James Infantino, Technical Adviser;

Jeanne Smith, President.

RCMP Divisional Staff Relations Program:

Murray Brown, Representative;

Kevin MacDougall, Representative;

Bruce Morrison, Representative;

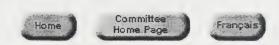
Reg Trowell, Respresentative.

As Individuals:

Keith P. Ambachtsheer;

Carl Otto;

John Por.



Meeting No. 67

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 9:34 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gerry Byrne, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Tony Ianno, Marlene Jennings, Ghislain Lebel and Brent St. Denis.

Acting Member present: John Williams for John Duncan.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the RCMP Divisional Staff Relations: Reg Trowell; Murray Brown; Kevin MacDougall; Bruce Morrison; Steve Chaplin. From the Association of Public Service Alliance Retirees: Jeanne Smith, President; James Infantino, Technical Advisor. As Individual: Keith P. Ambachtsheer, Keith Ambachtsheer and Associates; John Por, Cortex; Carl Otto, Carl Otto and Associates.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of the House dated Monday, April 26, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-78, Public Sector Pension Investment Board Act.

The witnesses from the RCMP Divisional Staff Relations and Public Service Alliance Retirees made statements and answered questions.

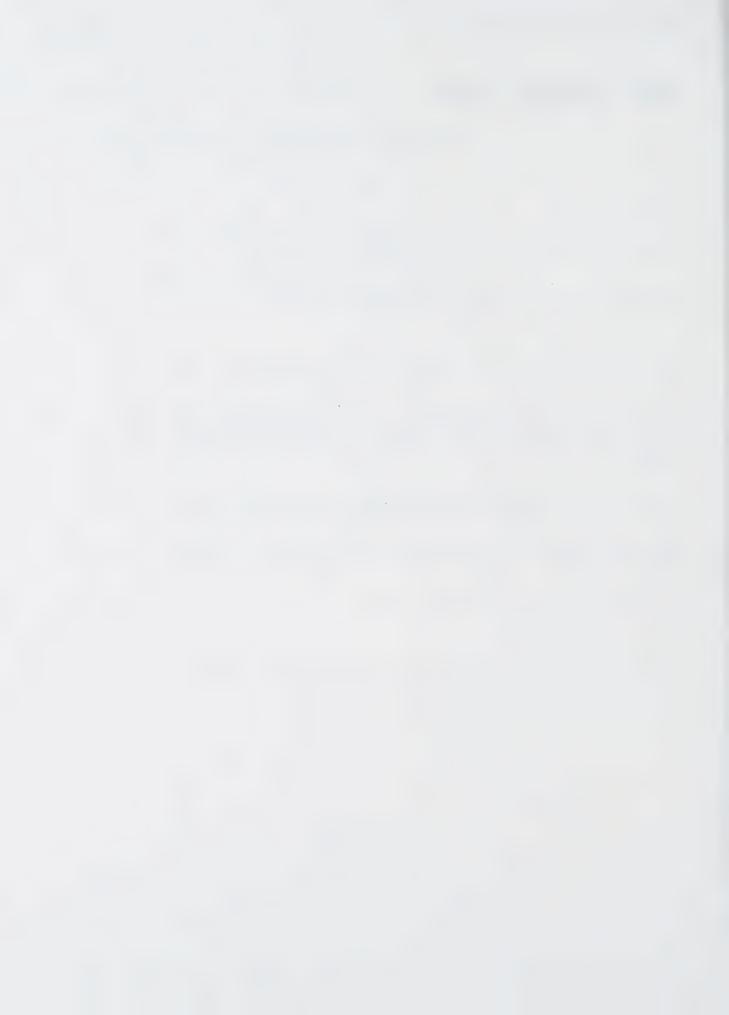
At 10:55 a.m. the sitting was suspended.

At 11:01 the sitting resumed.

Messrs. Ambachtsheer, Por and Otto made statements and answered questions.

At 12:14 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 68

Wednesday, May 5, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-78, Public Sector Pension Investment Board Act

WITNESSES:

Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada:

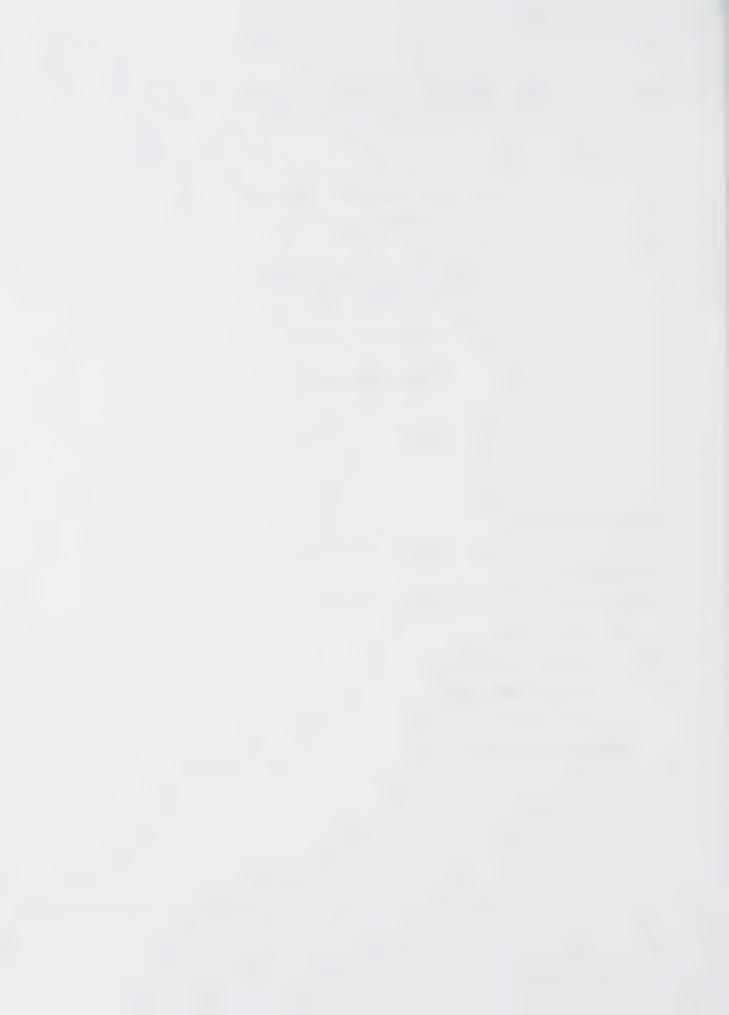
Steve Hindle, President.

Social Science Employees Association:

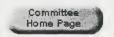
Claude Danik, Research Officer;

Walter Kelm, Consultant;

William Krause, President.









Meeting No. 68

Wednesday, May 5, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, David Chatters, John Duncan, Tony Ianno, Carmen Provenzano, Werner Schmidt, Ben Serré and Brent St. Denis.

Acting Members present: David Price for Gilles Bernier; Pierrette Venne for Ghislain Lebel; Lorne Nystrom for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Research Officer.

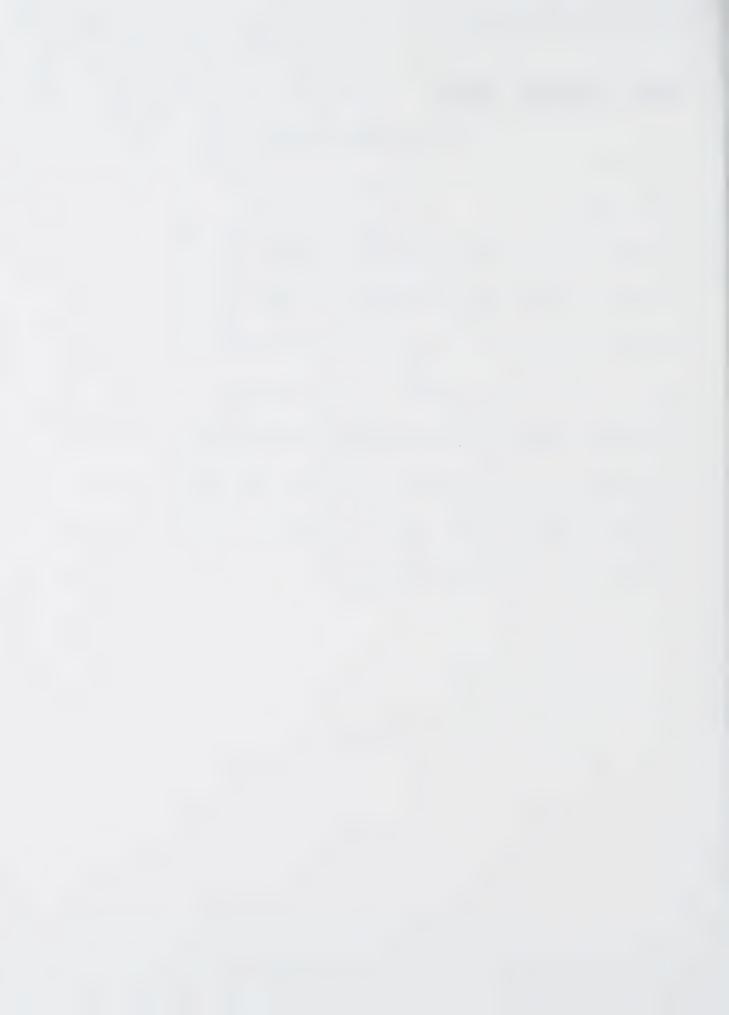
Witnesses: From the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada: Steve Hindle, President; Rudy Loiselle, Pension and Benefits Advisor. From the Social Science Employees Association: William Krause, President; Claude Danik, Research Officer; Walter Kelm, Consultant.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of the House dated Monday, April 26, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-78, Public Sector Pension Investment Board Act.

Steve Hindle and William Krause made statements and with the other witnesses answered questions.

At 4:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 69

Thursday, May 6, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Main Estimates 1999-2000: Votes under NATURAL RESOURCES and study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue

APPEARING:

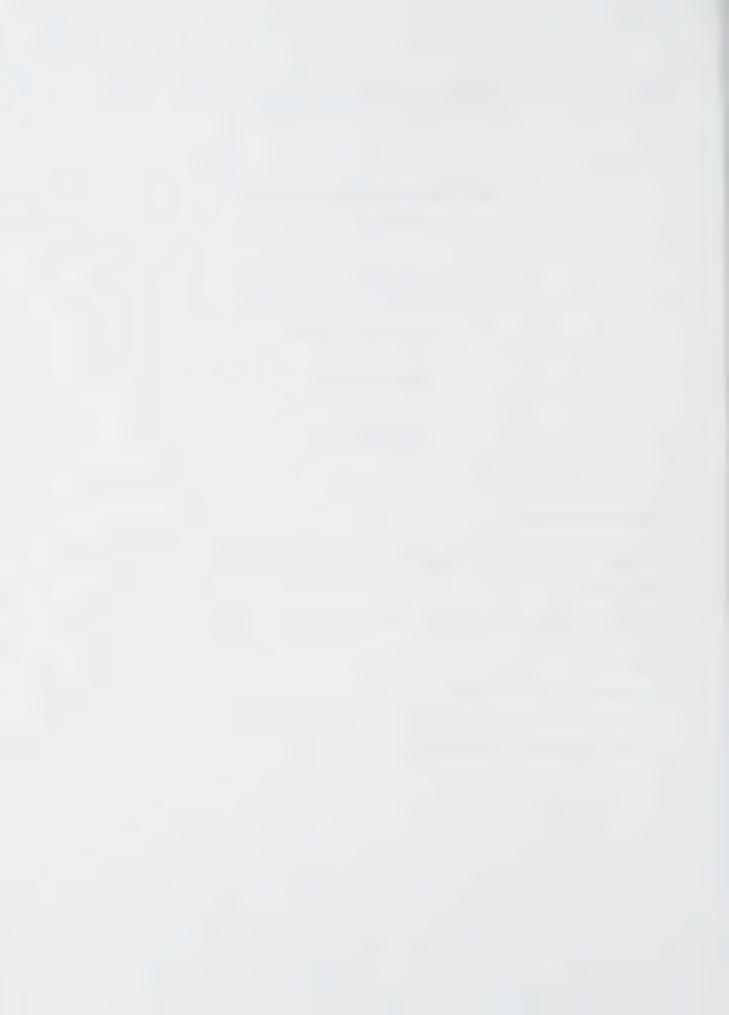
Hon. Ralph E. Goodale, Minister of Natural Resources and Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board

WITNESSES:

Department of Natural Resources:

Yvan Hardy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Forest Service;

Jean C. McCloskey, Deputy Minister.









Meeting No. 69

Thursday, May 6, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 8:35 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gerry Byrne, Roy Cullen, John Duncan, Tony Ianno, Marlene Jennings, Carmen Provenzano, Werner Schmidt, Ben Serré, Brent St. Denis.

Acting Members present: Gerald Keddy for Gilles Bernier; René Canuel for Pierre de Savoye.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages; Research Officer.

Appearing:: The Hon. Ralph Goodale, Minister of Natural Resources.

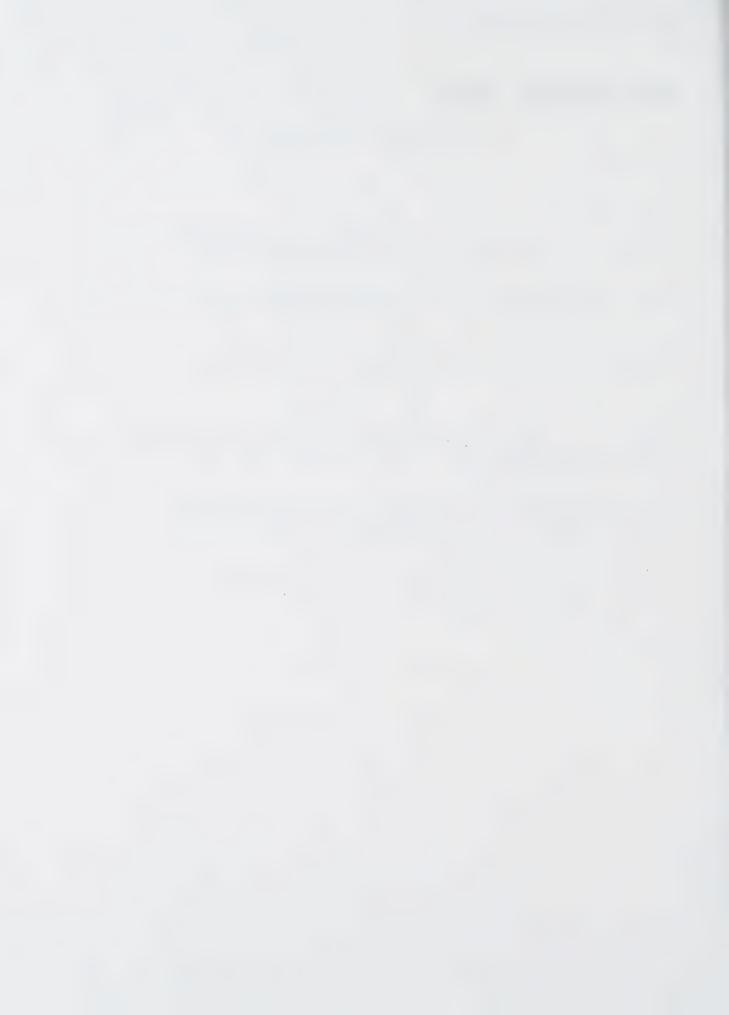
Witnesses: From the Department of Natural Resources: Jean C. McCloskey, Deputy Minister; Dr. Yvan Hardy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Forest Service; Joanne Toews, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Sector.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee considered the Main Estimates 1999 - 2000: Votes under NATURAL RESOURCES and resumed consideration of its study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue.

The Minister made a statement and with the witnesses answered questions.

At 10:07 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 70

Thursday, May 6, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-78, Public Sector Pension Investment Board Act

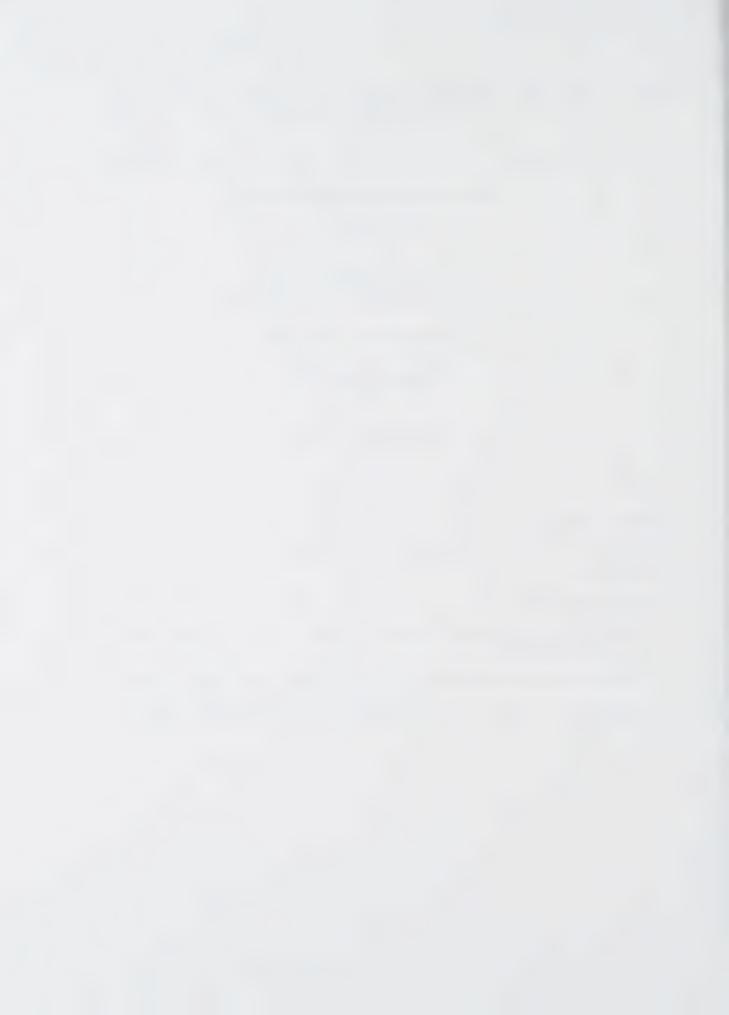
WITNESSES:

Treasury Board Secretariat:

Joan Arnold, Director, Pension Legislation Development, Pensions Division, Human Resources Branch;

Sharon Hamilton, Assistant Secretary, Pensions Division, Human Resources Branch;

Bryce Peacock, Director, Pension Financial Analyst, Pensions Division, Human Resources Branch.





Meeting No. 70

Thursday, May 6, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gerry Byrne, Roy Cullen, John Duncan, Tony Ianno, Marlene Jennings, Carolyn Parrish, Carmen Provenzano, Werner Schmidt and Brent St. Denis.

Acting Members present: Pierrette Venne for Pierre de Savoye; Rick Borotsik for Gilles Bernier; Gordon Earle for Yvon Godin; John Williams for Dave Chatters; Ivan Grose for Reginald Bélair; Denis Coderre for Ben Serré; Randy White for Werner Schmidt; Paul Forseth for John Duncan and Derek Lee for Denis Coderre.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering Research Officer.

Witnesses: From Treasury Board Secretariat: Sharon Hamilton, Assistant Secretary, Pension Division; Bryce Peacock, Director, Pension Financial Analyst, Pensions Division; Joan Arnold, Director - Pension Legislation Development, Pensions Division.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of the House dated Monday, April 26, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-78, Public Sector Pension Investment Board Act.

Marlene Jennings moved - That the Committee approve a budget submission in the amount of \$10,000.00 for witnesses in relation to Bill C-78.

John Williams moved, - That the motion be amended by adding the words "interim expenditures for" after the word for and before the word witnesses.

After debate the motion as amended was adopted.

John Williams raised a point of order questioning whether proper notice had be given for this meeting.

The Chair ruled that proper notice had been given. The Chair's decision was sustained by the Members.

The Committee proceeded to Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

Consideration of Clause 1 was postponed.

Clause 2 to 8 carried, after debate, on a recorded division.

YEAS (8)

Gerry Byrne
Denis Coderre
Roy Cullen
Ivan Grose
Tony Ianno
Marlene Jennings
Carolyn Parish
Carmen Provenzano

NAYS (4)

Rick Borotsik Gordon Earle Pierrette Venne John Williams

On Clause 9

John Williams moved, - That Bill C-78, in Clause 9, be amended by replacing lines 12 and 13 on page 6 with the following:

"tion of the Minister, to hold office during pleasure for the term, not exceeding three"

After debate the amendment was negatived on a recorded division.

YEAS (2)

NAYS (9)

John Duncan John Williams Gerry Byrne
Roy Cullen
Gordon Earle
Ivan Grose
Tony Ianno
Marlene Jennings
Carolyn Parrish
Carmen Provenzano
Pierrette Venne

Clause 9 carried

Clause 10 carried on a recorded division.

YEAS (6)

NAYS (4)

Gerry Byrne Roy Cullen Ivan Grose Tony Ianno Carolyn Parrish Carmen Provenzano

John Duncan Gordon Earle Pierrette Venne John Williams

On Clause 11

John Williams moved, - That Bill C-78, in Clause 11, be amended by deleting lines 6 and 7 on page 8.

After debate the amendment was negatived on a recorded division.

YEAS(3)NAYS (7)

John Duncan Gerry Byrne Pierrette Venne Roy Cullen John Williams Gordon Earle

Ivan Grose Tony Ianno Carolyn Parrish Carmen Provenzano

John Williams moved, - That Bill C-78, in Clause 11, be amended by replacing line 12 on page 8 with the following:

Pierrette Venne moved, - That the amendment of John Williams be amended by changing the word "two" to "three".

After debate the sub-amendment was negatived on a recorded division.

YEAS (3) NAYS (8)

Gordon Earle Gerry Byrne Pierrette Venne Roy Cullen John Williams John Duncan

Ivan Grose Tony Ianno Marlene Jennings Carolyn Parrish Carmen Provenzano

The amendment was negatived on a recorded division.

YEAS (4) **NAYS** (7)

Gerry Byrne John Duncan Roy Cullen Gordon Earle Ivan Grose Pierrette Venne John Williams Tony Ianno

Marlene Jennings Carolyn Parrish Carmen Provenzano

Clause 11 carried on a recorded division.

[&]quot;pointed, but no longer than two months."

YEAS (7)

NAYS (4)

Gerry Byrne
Roy Cullen
Ivan Grose
Tony Ianno
Marlene Jennings
Carolyn Parrish
Carmen Provenzano

John Duncan Gordon Earle Pierrette Venne John Williams

Clauses 12 and 13 carried, after debate, on a recorded division.

YEAS (7)

NAYS (4)

Gerry Byrne
Roy Cullen
Ivan Grose
Tony Ianno
Marlene Jennings
Carolyn Parrish
Carmen Provenzano

John Duncan Gordon Earle Pierrette Venne John Williams

On Clause 14

John Williams moved, - That Bill C-78, in Clause 14, be amended by replacing lines 38 to 40 on page 8 with the following:

"office during pleasure."

After debate the amendment was negatived on a recorded division.

YEAS (2)

NAYS (9)

John Duncan John Williams Gerry Byrne
Roy Cullen
Gordon Earle
Ivan Grose
Tony Ianno
Marlene Jennings
Carolyn Parrish
Carmen Provenzano
Pierrette Venne

Clause 14 carried on a recorded division.

YEAS (8)

NAYS (3)

Gerry Byrne
Roy Cullen
Ivan Grose
Tony Ianno
Marlene Jennings
Carolyn Parrish
Carmen Provenzano
Pierrette Venne

John Duncan Gordon Earle John Williams

Clauses 15, 16 and 17 carried, after debate, on a recorded division.

YEAS (7)

NAYS (3)

Gerry Byrne Roy Cullen Ivan Grose Tony Ianno Marlene Jennings Carolyn Parrish Carmen Provenzano John Duncan Gordon Earle John Williams

On Clause 18

John Williams moved, - That Bill C-78, in Clause 18, be amended

(a) by replacing line 31 on page 10 with the following:

"18. (1) The Board shall purchase and"

(b) by deleting lines 43 to 46 on page 10 and lines 1 to 3 on page 11.

After debate the amendment was negatived on a recorded division.

YEAS(2)

NAYS (6)

Gordon Earle John Williams Gerry Byrne
Ivan Grose
Tony Ianno
Marlene Jennings
Carolyn Parrish
Carmen Provenzano

Clause 18 carried on a recorded division.

YEAS (8)

NAYS (2)

Gerry Byrne Roy Cullen Ivan Grose Tony Ianno Marlene Jennings Carolyn Parrish

Carmen Provenzano Pierrette Venne Gordon Earle John Williams

Clauses 19 to 23 carried, after debate, on a recorded division.

YEAS (6)

NAYS(2)

Gerry Byrne Roy Cullen Ivan Grose Gordon Earle Tony Ianno Marlene Jennings Pierre Venne John Williams

On Clause 24

John Williams moved, - That Bill C-78, in Clause 24, be amended by adding after line 24 on page 14 the following:

"(c.1) respecting procedures for the identification of real or potential conflicts of interest and procedures to resolve those conflicts;"

After debate the amendment was negatived on a recorded division.

YEAS(3)

NAYS (7)

Gordon Earle Pierrette Venne John Williams

Gerry Byrne
Roy Cullen
Ivan Grose
Tony Ianno
Marlene Jennings
Carolyn Parrish
Carmen Provenzano

Clause 24 carried on a recorded division.

YEAS (7)

NAYS (3)

Gerry Byrne Roy Cullen Ivan Grose Tony Ianno Marlene Jennings Carolyn Parrish

Carmen Provenzano

Gordon Earle Pierrette Venne John Williams

Clauses 25 to 34 carried, after debate, on a recorded division.

YEAS (7)

NAYS (3)

Gerry Byrne
Roy Cullen
Ivan Grose
Tony Ianno
Marlene Jennings
Carolyn Parrish
Carmen Provenzano

Gordon Earle Pierrette Venne John Williams

On Clause 35

John Williams moved, - That Bill C-78, in Clause 35, be amended by replacing line 11 on page 18 with the following:

"be conducted at least once every year, in respect of itself and each of"

After debate the amendment was negatived on a recorded division

YEAS(3)

NAYS (7)

Gordon Earle Pierrette Venne John Williams Gerry Byrne
Roy Cullen
Ivan Grose
Tony Ianno
Marlene Jennings
Carolyn Parrish
Carmen Provenzano

Clause 35 carried on a recorded division.

YEAS (7)

NAYS (3)

Gerry Byrne Roy Cullen Ivan Grose Gordon Earle Pierrette Venne John Williams Tony Ianno Marlene Jennings Carolyn Parrish Carmen Provenzano

Clauses 36 to 38 carried, after debate, on a recorded division.

YEAS (7)

NAYS (3)

Gerry Byrne
Roy Cullen
Ivan Grose
Tony Ianno
Marlene Jennings
Carolyn Parrish
Carmen Provenzano

Gordon Earle John Williams

On Clause 39

John Williams moved, - That Bill C-78, in Clause 39, be amended by replacing line 19 on page 21 with the following: "(iii) is resident in Canada, and"

After debate the amendment was negatived on a recorded division.

YEAS (7)

Gordon Earle Pierrette Venne John Williams NAYS (3)

Gerry Byrne
Roy Cullen
Ivan Grose
Tony Ianno
Marlene Jennings
Carolyn Parrish
Carmen Provenzano

Clause 39 carried on a recorded division.

YEAS (7)

Gerry Byrne Roy Cullen Ivan Grose Tony Ianno Marlene Jennings

Carolyn Parrish
Carmen Provenzano

NAYS (3)

Gordon Earle Pierrette Venne John Williams Clauses 40 to 44 carried on a recorded division.

YEAS (7)

Gerry Byrne Roy Cullen Ivan Grose

NAYS(3)

Tony Ianno Marlene Jennings Carolyn Parrish

John Williams

Carmen Provenzano Pierrette Venne

On Clause 45

John Williams moved, - That Bill C-78, in Clause 45, be amended by adding after line 35 on page 24 the following:

"(1.1) a copy of every report of an examiner shall be kept at the head office of the Board. Anyone is entitled, during the usual business hours of the Board, to examine the report and, on payment of a reasonable fee, to make copies of or take extracts from them."

After debate the amendment was negatived on a recorded division.

YEAS (4)

NAYS (6)

Gordon Earle Ivan Grose Pierrette Venne John Williams

Gerry Byrne Roy Cullen Tony Ianno Marlene Jennings Carolyn Parrish Carmen Provenzano

Clause 45 carried on a recorded division.

YEAS (9)

NAYS (1)

Gerry Byrne Roy Cullen Gordon Earle Ivan Grose Tony Ianno Marlene Jennings John Williams

Carolyn Parrish Carmen Provenzano

Pierrette Venne

Clause 46 carried, after debate, on a recorded division.

YEAS (8)

NAYS (2)

Gerry Byrne
Roy Cullen
Gordon Earle
Ivan Grose
Tony Ianno
Marlene Jennings
Carolyn Parrish
Carmen Provenzano

Pierrette Venne John Williams

On Clause 47

John Williams moved, - That Bill C-78, in Clause 47, be amended by adding after line 17 on page 25 the following:

"(2) The Board shall make available to the public the quarterly financial statements prepared in accordance with subsection 35(6) within 30 days after the end of the three-month period to which they relate."

After debate the amendment was negatived on a recorded division.

YEAS (3)

NAYS (7)

Gordon Earle Pierrette Venne John Williams Gerry Byrne Roy Cullen Ivan Grose Tony Ianno Marlene Jennings Carolyn Parrish Carmen Provenzano

Clause 47 carried on a recorded division.

YEAS (9)

NAYS(1)

Gerry Byrne
Roy Cullen
Gordon Earle
Ivan Grose
Tony Ianno
Marlene Jennings
Carolyn Parrish
Carmen Provenzano
Pierrette Venne

John Williams

Clauses 48 to 94 carried.

On Clause 95

John Williams moved, That Bill C-78, in Clause 95, be amended by replacing line 31 on page 75 with the following:

"tion (10) shall be debited in equal annual instalments"

After debate the amendment was negatived on a recorded division.

YEAS (2)

NAYS (8)

Pierrette Venne John Williams

Gerry Byrne
Roy Cullen
Gordon Earle
Ivan Grose
Tony Ianno
Marlene Jennings
Carolyn Parrish
Carmen Provenzano

Clause 95 carried on a recorded division.

YEAS (7)

Gerry Byrne Roy Cullen

Ivan Grose
Tony Ianno
Marlene Jennings
Carolyn Parrish
Carmen Provenzano

NAYS (3)

Gordon Earle Pierrette Venne John Williams

On Clause 96

John Williams moved, - That Bill C-78, in Clause 96, be amended by replacing line 43 on page 80 with the following:

"45, is greater"

Clause 96 carried on a recorded division.

YEAS (7)

NAYS(3)

Gerry Byrne
Roy Cullen
Ivan Grose
Tony Ianno
Marlene Jennings
Carolyn Parrish
Carmen Provenzano

Gordon Earle Pierrette Venne John Williams

Clauses 97 to 117 carried, after debate, on a recorded division.

YEAS (7)

NAYS(3)

Gerry Byrne Roy Cullen Ivan Grose Tony Ianno Marlene Jennings Carolyn Parrish Carmen Provenzano Gordon Earle Pierrette Venne John Williams

On Clause 118

Tony Ianno moved, - That Bill C-78, in Clause 118, be amended by replacing line 20 on page 99 with the following:

"is required by subsections 5(1) and"

After debate the amendment carried on a recorded division.

YEAS (7)

NAYS (4)

Gerry Byrne Roy Cullen Ivan Grose Tony Ianno Marlene Jennings Carolyn Parrish Carmen Provenzano

Gordon Earle Pierrette Venne Randy White John Williams

Clause 118, as amended, carried on a recorded division.

YEAS (7)

NAYS (4)

Gerry Byrne Roy Cullen Ivan Grose Tony Ianno Marlene Jennings Carolyn Parrish Carmen Provenzano Gordon Earle Pierrette Venne Randy White John Williams

Clauses 119 to 150 carried, after debate, on a recorded division.

YEAS (7)

NAYS (4)

Gerry Byrne Roy Cullen Ivan Grose Tony Ianno

Gordon Earle Pierrette Venne Randy White John Williams

Marlene Jennings Carolyn Parrish Carmen Provenzano

On Clause 152

Tony Ianno moved, That Bill C-78, in Clause 152, be amended by replacing line 2 on page 133 with the following:

"Forces Pension Fund"

After debate the amendment carried on a recorded division.

YEAS (8)

NAYS (4)

Gerry Byrne
Roy Cullen
Gordon Earle
Ivan Grose
Tony Ianno
Marlene Jennings
Carolyn Parrish
Carmen Provenzano

Gordon Earle Pierrette Venne Randy White John Williams

Clause 152 as amended carried on a recorded division.

YEAS (6)

NAYS (4)

Gerry Byrne Roy Cullen Ivan Grose Tony Ianno Carolyn Parrish Carmen Provenzano Gordon Earle Pierrette Venne Randy White John Williams

Clauses 153 to 171 carried, after debate, on a recorded division.

YEAS (6)

NAYS (4)

Gerry Byrne Roy Cullen Ivan Grose Tony Ianno Carolyn Parrish Carmen Provenzano Gordon Earle Pierrette Venne Randy White John Williams

On Clause 172

Tony Ianno moved, That Bill C-78, in Clause 172, be amended by replacing line 17 on page 147 with the following:

"is required by subsections 5(1) and (2) to"

After debate the amendment was carried on a recorded division.

YEAS (7)

NAYS(4)

Gerry Byrne Roy Cullen Gordon Earle Ivan Grose Tony Ianno Carolyn Parrish Carmen Provenzano Pierrette Venne Randy White John Williams

Clause 172 carried on a recorded division.

YEAS (6)

NAYS (4)

Gerry Byrne Roy Cullen Ivan Grose Tony Ianno Carolyn Parrish Carmen Provenzano Gordon Earle Pierrette Venne Randy White John Williams

John Williams moved, - That the Committee adjourn to allow Members to attend Question Period.

After debate the motion was negatived by a show of hands.

YEAS (4)

NAYS (6)

Clauses 173 to 197 carried, after debate, on a recorded division.

YEAS (6)

NAYS (3)

Gerry Byrne Roy Cullen Ivan Grose Tony Ianno Carolyn Parrish Carmen Provenzano Gordon Earle Pierrette Venne Randy White

At 2:04 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

At 2:24 p.m. the sitting resumed.

On Clause 198

John Williams moved, - That Bill C-78, in Clause 198, be amended by replacing line 4 on page 181

with the following:

"tion (10) shall be debited in equal annual instalments"

After debate the amendment was negatived on recorded division.

YEAS(3)

NAYS (8)

Gordon Earle Paul Forseth John Williams

Gerry Byrne Roy Cullen Ivan Grose Tony Ianno Marlene Jennings Derek Lee Carolyn Parrish Carmen Provenzano

Clause 198 was carried on a recorded division.

YEAS (8)

NAYS (3)

Gerry Byrne Roy Cullen Ivan Grose Tony Ianno Marlene Jennings Derek Lee Carolyn Parrish Carmen Provenzano

Gordon Earle Paul Forseth John Williams

On Clause 199

Tony Ianno moved, - That Bill C-78, in Clause 199, be amended by replacing lines 5 and 6 on page 184 with the following:

"Canadian Mounted Police Pension Fund shall be transferred to the"

After debate the amendment was carried on a recorded division.

YEAS (9)

NAYS (2)

Gerry Byrne Roy Cullen Gordon Earle Ivan Grose Tony Ianno Marlene Jennings Derek Lee Carolyn Parrish Carmen Provenzano Paul Forseth John Williams Clause 199 as amended carried on a recorded division.

YEAS (8)

NAYS (3)

Gerry Byrne
Roy Cullen
Ivan Grose
Tony Ianno
Marlene Jennings
Derek Lee
Carolyn Parrish
Carmen Provenzano

Gordon Earle Paul Forseth John Williams

Clause 200 to 231 carried after debate on a recorded division.

YEAS (8)

NAYS (4)

Gerry Byrne
Roy Cullen
Ivan Grose
Tony Ianno
Marlene Jennings
Derek Lee
Carolyn Parrish
Carmen Provenzano

Gordon Earle Paul Forseth Pierrette Venne John Williams

Clause 1 carried on a recorded division.

Gerry Byrne
Roy Cullen
Ivan Grose
Tony Ianno
Marlene Jennings
Derek Lee
Carolyn Parrish
Carmen ProvenzanoThe Title carried on a recorded division.

YEAS (8)

Gerry Byrne
Roy Cullen
Ivan Grose
Tony Ianno
Marlene Jennings
Derek Lee
Carolyn Parrish
Carmen Provenzano

NAYS (4)

Gordon Earle Paul Forseth Pierrette Venne John Williams The Bill, as amended, carried on a recorded division.

YEAS (8)

Gerry Byrne

Roy Cullen Ivan Grose Tony Ianno Marlene Jennings Derek Lee

Carolyn Parrish Carmen Provenzano NAYS (4)

Gordon Earle Paul Forseth Pierrette Venne John Williams

It was agreed, on a recorded division, - That the Chair Report Bill C-78, as amended, to the House.

YEAS (8)

NAYS (4)

Gerry Byrne Roy Cullen Gordon Earle Ivan Grose Tony Ianno Derek Lee Carolyn Parrish Carmen Provenzano

Gordon Earle Paul Forseth Pierrette Venne John Williams

At 2:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas



HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 36th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 71

Monday, May 10, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue

WITNESSES:

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

Richard D. Ballhorn, Director General, International Environmental Affairs Branch;

Wallace H. Dowswell, Director General, Export and Import Controls Bureau.

Department of Natural Resources:

Yvan Hardy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Forest Service;

Doug Ketcheson, Director General, Industry, Economics and Program Branch, Canadian Forest Service;

Pauline Myre, Acting Director General, Policy, Planning and International Affairs Branch, Canadian Forest Service.





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 71

Monday, May 10, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, , Gerry Byrne, Roy Cullen, John Duncan, Werner Schmidt, Ben Serré and Brent St. Denis.

Acting Members present: Paul Crête for Pierre de Savoye; Gerald Keddy for Gilles Bernier; and Rob Anders for David Chatters.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages; Researcher.

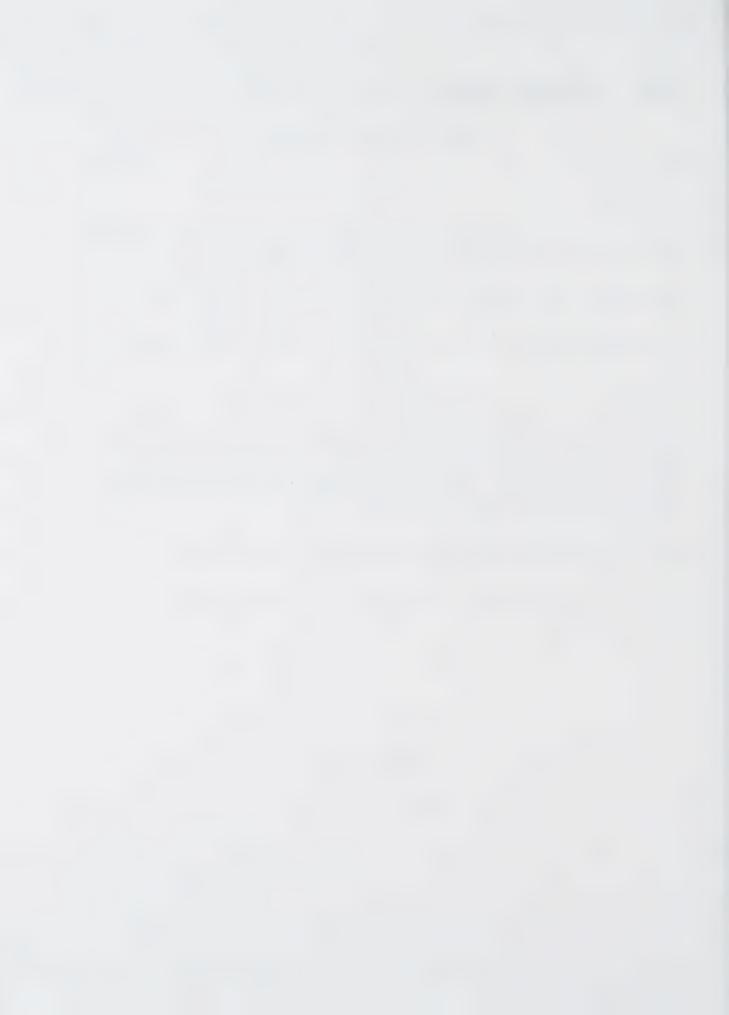
Witnesses: From Natural Resources Canada: Dr. Yvan Hardy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Forest Service; Pauline Myre, Acting Director General, Policy, Planning and International Affairs Branch, Canadian Forest Service; Doug Ketcheson, Director General, Industry, Economics and Programs Branch, Canadian Forest Service; Dr. Carl Winget, Acting Director General, Science Branch, Canadian Forest Srvice. From the Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Richard D. Ballhorn, Director General, International Environmental Affairs Branch; Wallace H Dowswell, Director General, Export and Import Control Bureau.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed consideration of a study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue.

Dr. Yvan Hardy made a statement and with the other witnesses answered questions.

At 5:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 72

Thursday, May 13, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue

WITNESSES:

Greenpeace:

Catherine Stewart.

Heiltsuk Nation:

Robert Germyn, Band Council Member;

Ed Newman, Chief.

International Forest Products (Interfor):

Richard Slaco, Chief Forester.

MacMillan Bloedel:

Linda Coady, Vice-President, Environmental Enterprise.

Sierra Legal Defence Fund:

Karen Wristen, Executive Director.



Truck Loggers Association:

Rick Jeffery, Vice-President, Forestry and Government Relations.

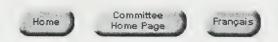
Western Canada Wilderness Committee:

Joe Foy, Campaign Coordinator.

Western Forest Products Ltd.:

Bill Dumont, Chief Forester;

Sandy Lavigne, Environment Programs Coordinator.



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Meeting No. 72

Thursday, May 13, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 2:07 p.m. this day, in the Hotel Georgia, Regal Ballroom, Vancouver, British Columbia, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gerry Byrne, David Chatters, John Duncan, Yvon Godin, Carmen Provenzano, Werner Schmidt and Brent St. Denis.

Acting Members present: Joe Comuzzi for Roy Cullen; Alex Shepherd for Marlene Jennings; Monique Guay for Pierre de Savoye; Gerald Keddy for Gilles Bernier.

Other Member present: Philip Mayfield.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages; Research Officer.

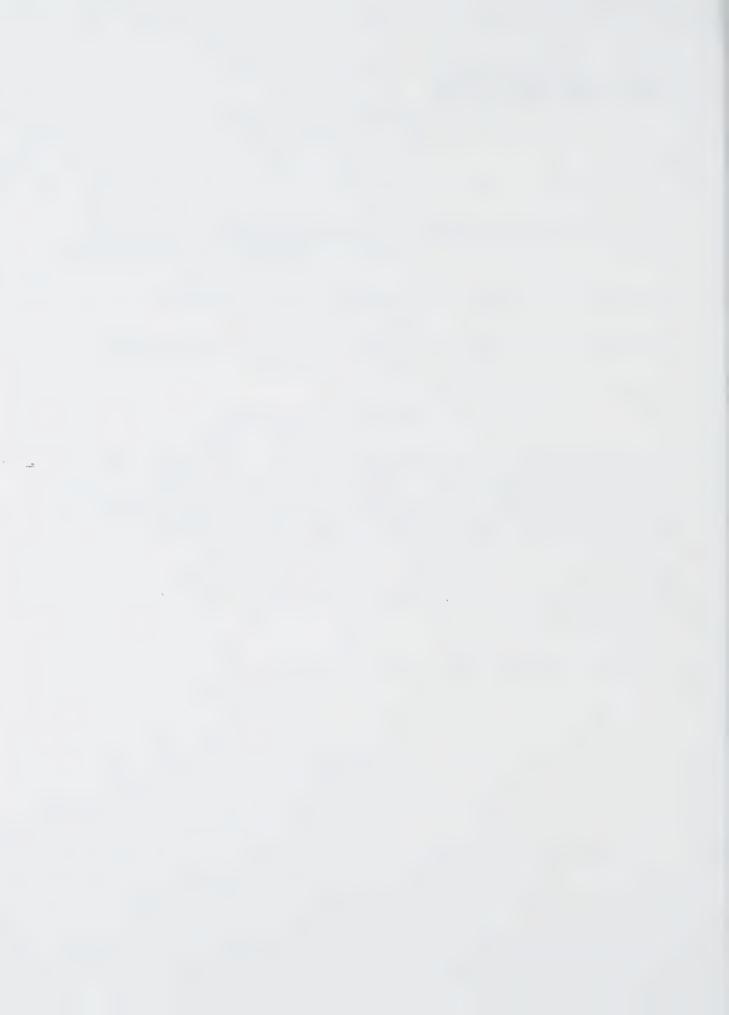
Witnesses: From Greenpeace: Catherine Stewart, Forest Campaigner. From the Sierra Legal Defence Fund: Karen Wristen, Executive Director. From Interfor: Richard Slaco, Chief Forester. From the Western Forest Products Ltd: Bill Dumont, Chief Forester; Sandy Lavigne, Environmental Programs Coordinator. From MacMillan Bloedel: Linda Coady, Vice-President, Environmental Enterprise. From the Western Canada Wilderness Committee: Joe Foy, Campaign Coordinator. From the Truck Loggers Association: Rick Jeffery, Vice-president, Forestry and Government Relations. From the Heiltsuk Nation: Robert Germyn, Band Council Member; Chief Ed Newman.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed consideration of a study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 7:14 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas



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NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chairman: Brent St. Denis, Lib.

Meeting No. 73

Friday, May 14, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue

WITNESSES:

Association of British Columbia Professional Foresters:

Nick Arkle, President;

Van Scoffield, Executive Director.

Business Council of British Columbia:

Jock Finlayson, Vice-President, Policy;

Jerry Lampert, President and CEO.

Canfor Corporation:

Kenneth O. Higginbotham, Group Vice-President.

Forest Alliance of British Columbia:

Patrick Moore, Chair, Sustainable Forestry Committee.



Forest Practices Board:

Keith Moore, Chair.

Industrial, Wood & Allied Workers of Canada:

Kim Pollack, Director, Environment & Public Policy;

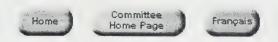
Darol Smith, Executive Board Member, IWA Local 2171;

Terry Smith, Secretary Treasurer;

Darrel Wong, President, IWA Local 2171.

Weyerhaeuser Canada Ltd.:

Paul Perkins, Vice-President, Forestlands and Strategic Planning.



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Meeting No. 73

Friday, May 14, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 8:33 a.m. this day, in the Hotel Georgia, Regal Ballroom, Vancouver, British Columbia, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: John Duncan, Yvon Godin, Werner Schmidt and Brent St. Denis.

Acting Members present: Joe Comuzzi for Tony Ianno; Alex Shepherd for Marlene Jennings.

Other Member present: Phillip Mayfield.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages Researcher.

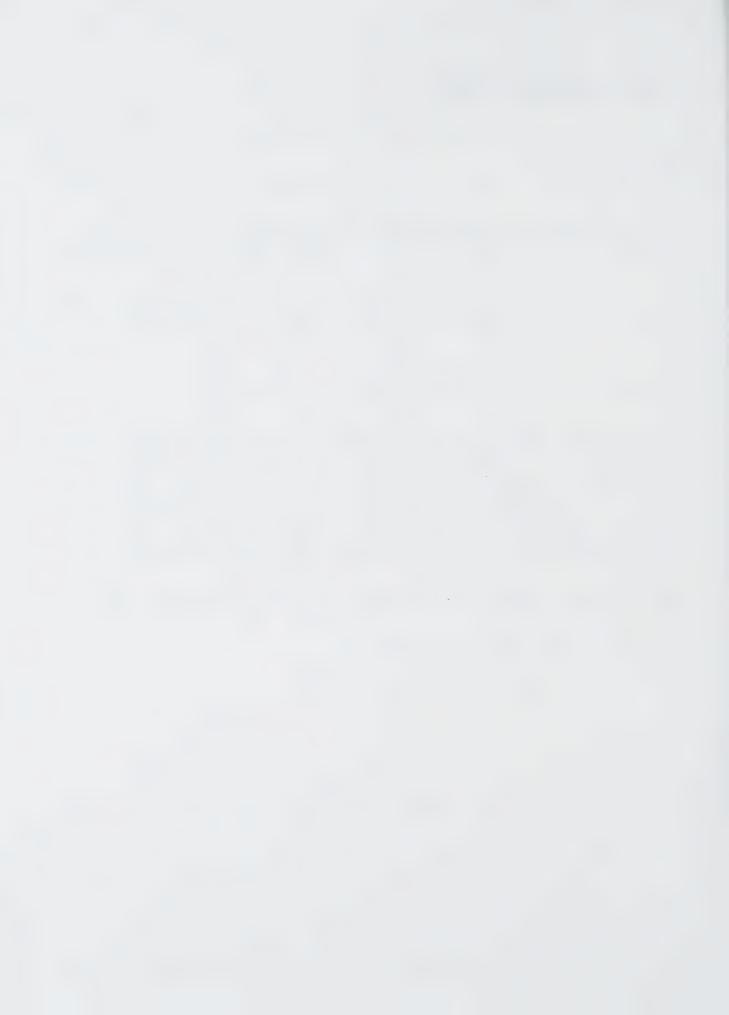
Witnesses: From the Coastal Forest Lumber Association (CFLA): Ken Higginbotham, Vice-President Coast Logging and Chief Forester, CANFOR. From the Council of Forest Industries: Paul Perkins, Vice-President, Lands and Strategic Planning, Wyerhaeuser. From the Industrial, Wood & Allied Workers of Canada: Terry Smith, Secretary Treasurer; Kim Pollack, Director, Environment & Public Policy; Darrel Wong, President, IWA Local 2171; Darol Smith, Executive Board Member, IWA Local 2171. From the Forest Alliance of British Columbia: Dr. Patrick Moore, Director. From the Association of British Columbia Professional Foresters: Nick Arkle, President; Van Scoffield, Executive Director; Jerome Marburg, Registrar & Manager Professional Standards. From the Forest Practices Board: Keith Moore, Chair. From the British Columbia Business Council: Jerry Lampert, President and C.E.O.; Jock Finlayson, Vice-President, Policy and Analysis.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed consideration of a study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas





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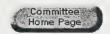
Thursday, May 27, 1999

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Meeting No. 74

Thursday, May 27, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met *in camera* at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, John Duncan, Ghislain Lebel, Carmen Provenzano, Werner Schmidt, Ben Serré and Brent St. Denis.

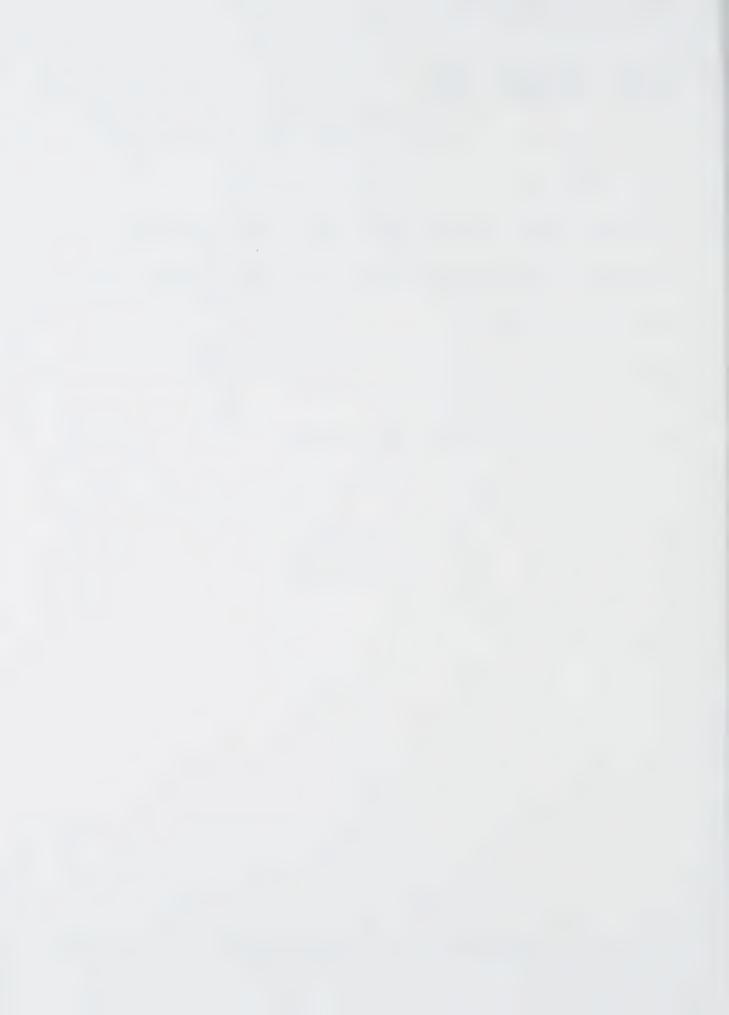
Other Member present: Rob Anders.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages and Jack Stilborn, Research Officers.

The Committee considered future business.

At 11:45 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas



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Meeting No. 75

Tuesday, June 1, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of new technologies and alternative fuels in the energy sector

WITNESSES:

Natural Resources Canada:

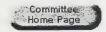
Mike Cleland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Sector;

Allan Dolenko, Deputy Director, CANMET, Energy Technology Branch, Energy Sector.











MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 75

Tuesday, June 1st, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Pierre de Savoye, John Duncan, Yvon Godin, Tony Ianno, Carmen Provenzano, Ben Serré and Brent St. Denis.

Acting Member present: Rob Anders for Werner Schmidt.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Lynne Meyers.

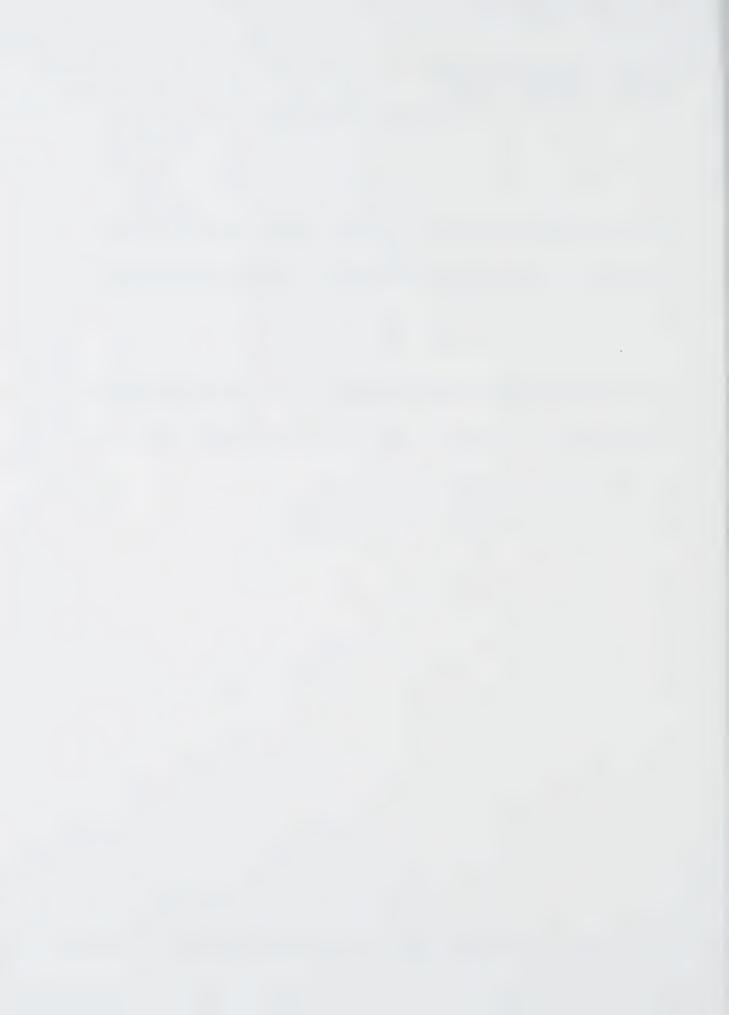
Witnesses: From Natural Resources Canada: Mike Cleland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Sector; Allan Dolenko, Deputy Director, Canmet, Energy Technology Branch, Energy Sector.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee considered new technologies and alternative fuels in the Energy Sector.

The witnesses made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas



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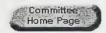
Meeting No. 76

Monday, June 7, 1999











Meeting No. 76

Monday, June 7, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met *in camera* at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Chatters, Roy Cullen, John Duncan, Tony Ianno, Marlene Jennings, Carmen Provenzano, Werner Schmidt, Ben Serré, Brent St. Denis.

Acting Member present: Monique Guay for Pierre de Savoye.

Other Member present: Gerald Keddy.

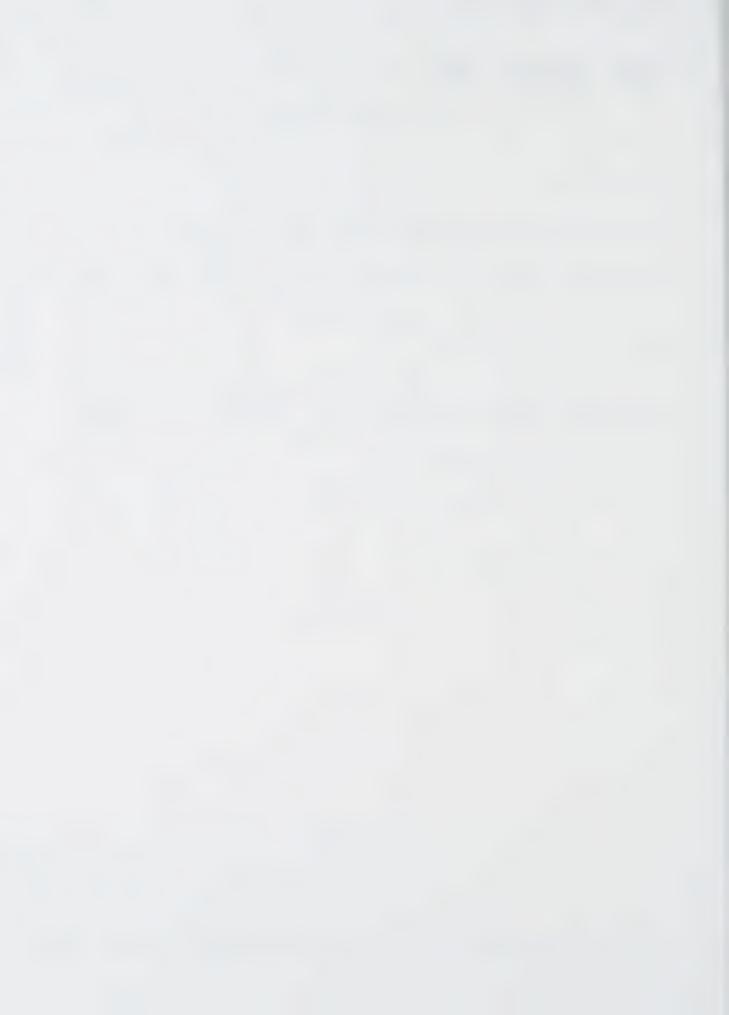
In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages; Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed consideration of its study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue.

The Committee considered a draft report.

At 4:43 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas



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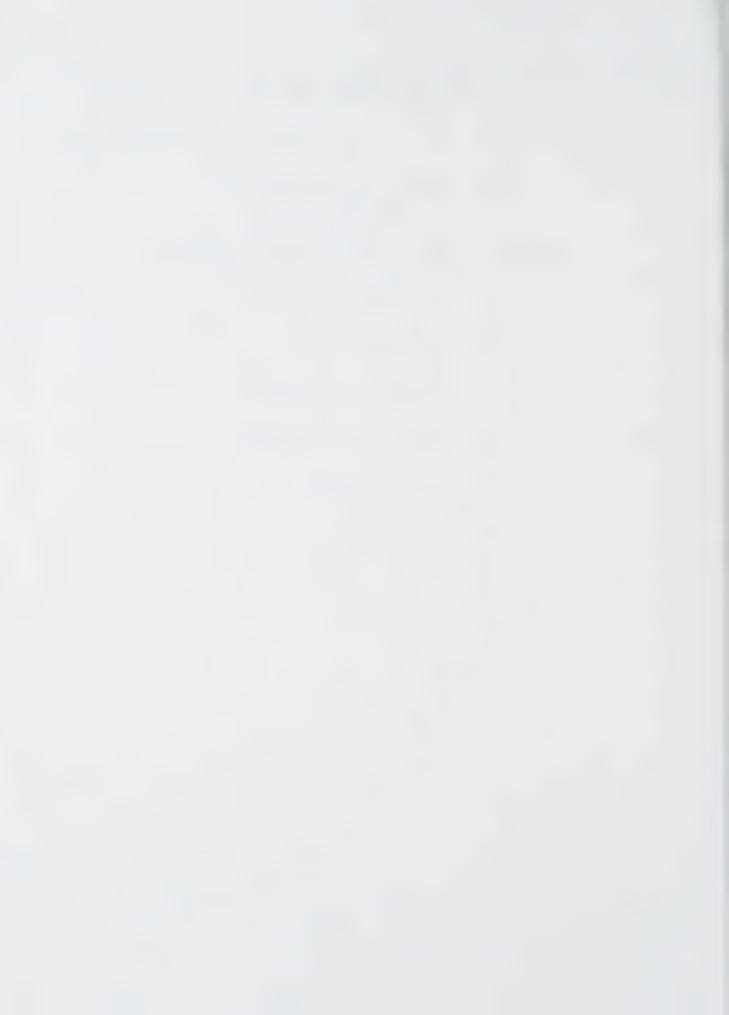
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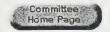
Meeting No. 77

Wednesday, June 9, 1999











Meeting No. 77

Wednesday, June 9, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met *in camera* at 3:29 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gerry Byrne, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Pierre de Savoye, John Duncan, Yvon Godin, Carolyn Parrish, Carmen Provenzano, Werner Schmidt and Brent St. Denis.

Acting Members present: Gerald Keddy for Gilles Bernier; Paul Steckle for Ben Serré and Claude Drouin for Tony Ianno.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages; Research Officer.

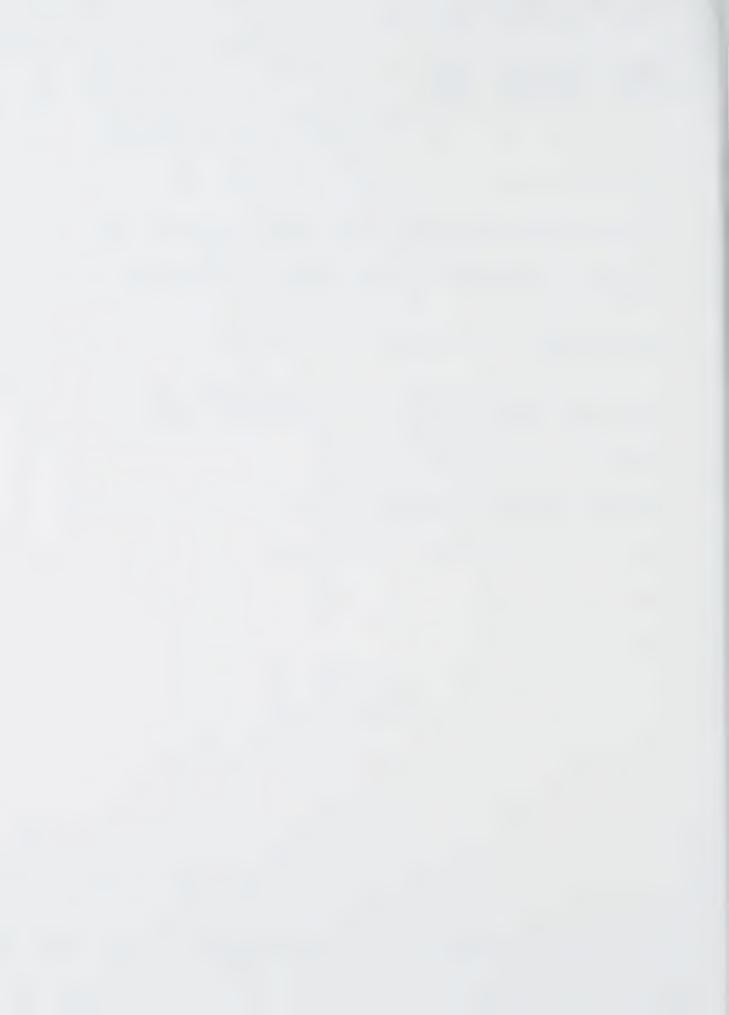
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed consideration of a study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, -- That the draft report be adopted as the Fifth Report of the Committee and that the Chair present the Report to the House of Commons.

At 15:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas





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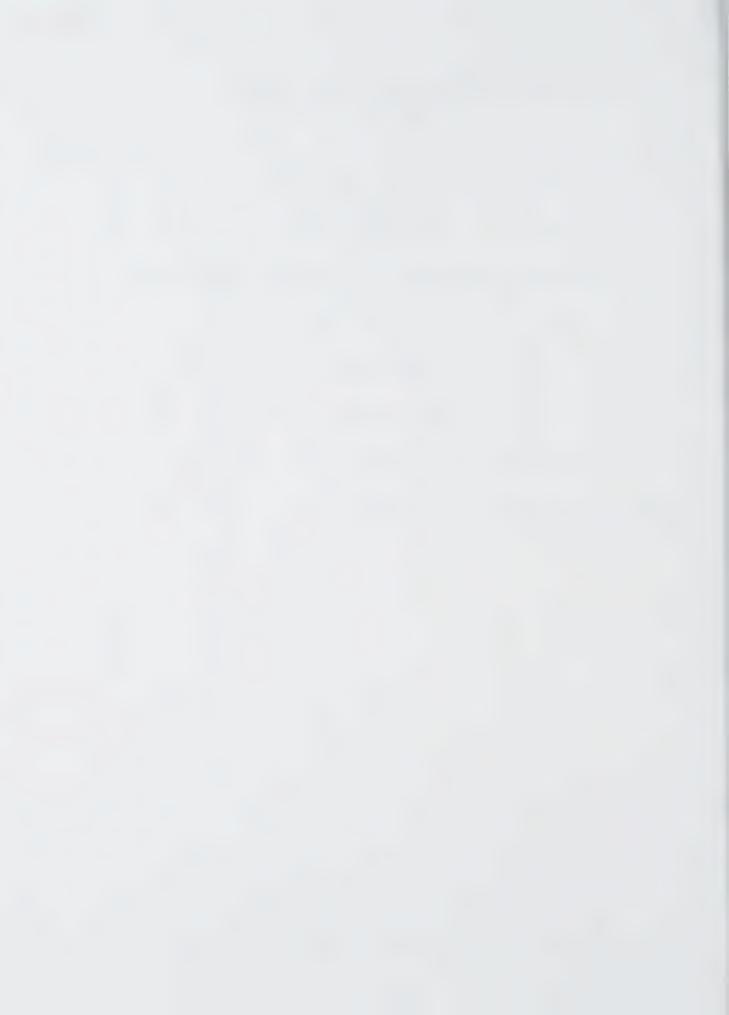
Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, October 27, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chairman







Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, October 27, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building for the purpose of electing a Chair.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, Serge Cardin, Yvon Godin, Tony Ianno, Ghislain Lebel, Carolyn Parrish, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Brent St. Denis, Tony Valeri and Joseph Volpe.

Acting Members present: Bill Gilmour for John Duncan; David Pratt for Guy St-Julien and Darrel Stinson for Werner Schmidt.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages and Jack Stilborn, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 106(1) and 106(2), the Clerk presided over the election of Chair.

On motion of Réginald Bélair; seconded by Brent St.Denis, it was agreed, --That Joseph Volpe do take the Chair of this Committee as Chairperson.

Joseph Volpe took the Chair.

On motion of David Pratt; seconded by Tony Valeri, it was agreed, --That Julian Reed be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Tony Valeri; seconded by Julian Reed, it was agreed, --That David Chatters be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Julian Reed, it was agreed, --That the Committee retain the services of one or more Research Officers from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Brent St. Denis, it was agreed, --That, at the discretion of the Chair, reasonable travelling expenses, as per the regulations established by the Board of Internal Economy be paid to witnesses invited to appear before the Committee, and that payment of these expenses be limited to a maximum of two representatives per organization.

On motion of David Pratt, it was agreed, -- That, *in camera* meetings be transcribed; that the transcriptions be kept by the Clerk of the Committee and be destroyed at the end of the session.

On motion of Réginald Bélair, it was agreed, --That, pursuant to Standing Order 118(2), the Chair be authorized to hold meetings in order to receive and authorize the publishing of evidence when a quorum is not present provided that one member from the government party and one member of an

opposition party, as well as the Chair or a Vice-Chair, are present.

It was agreed, -- That the Committee meet <u>in camera</u> on Tuesday, November 2, 1999 to discuss future business of the committee.

At 3:51 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas

Clerk of the Committee



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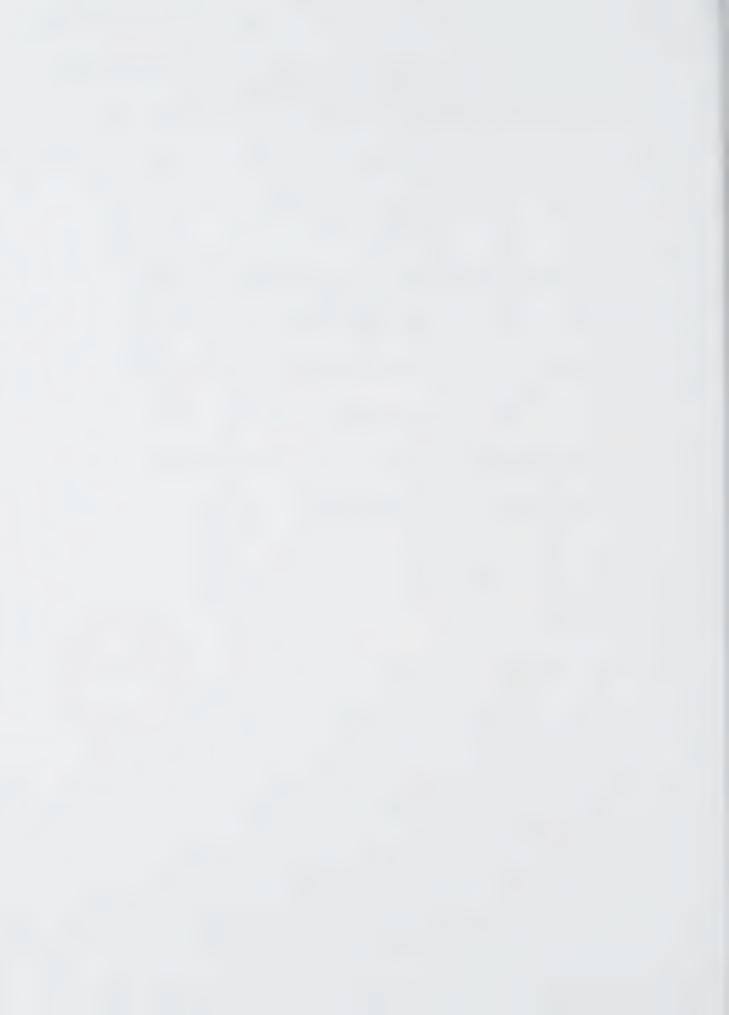
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Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, November 2, 1999







Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, November 2, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met *in camera* at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, Serge Cardin, David Chatters, Ghislain Lebel, Carolyn Parrish, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Werner Schmidt, Guy St-Julien, Brent St. Denis, Tony Valeri, Joseph Volpe.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages and Jack Stilborn, Research Officers.

The Committee resumed consideration of organizational matters.

It was agreed, -- That witnesses be given 10 minutes for their opening statements and that during the questioning of witnesses, time be allocated to all parties, in proportion to their representation in the House, at the discretion of the Chair.

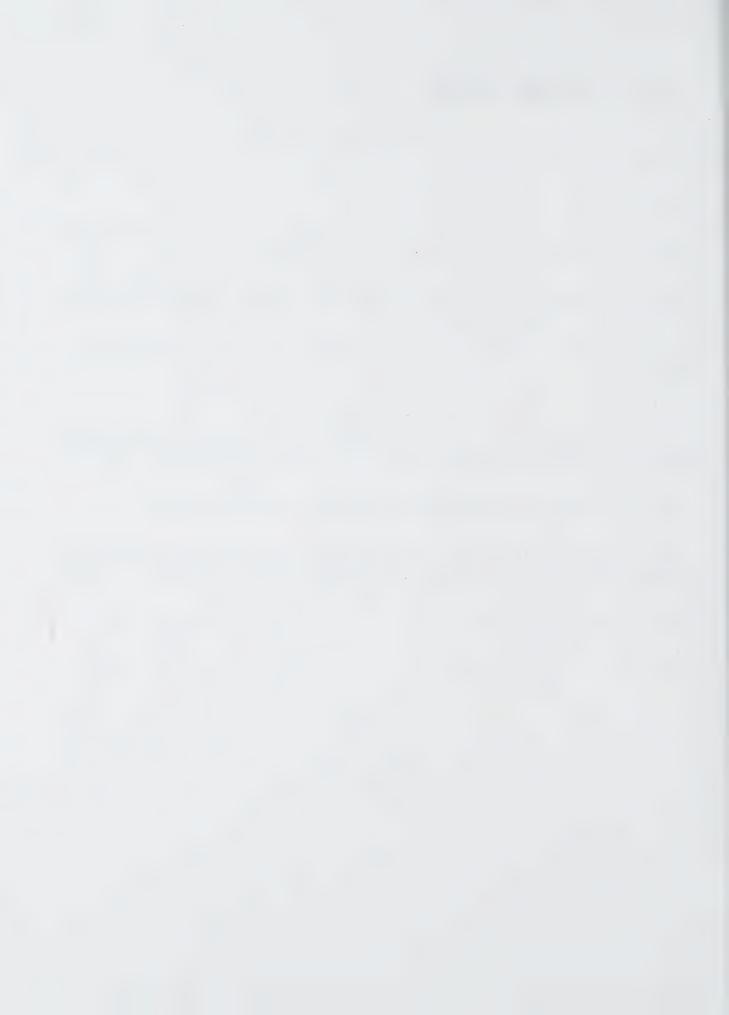
It was agreed, -- That a notice of 48 hours be required before any substantive motion may be presented to the Committee.

It was agreed, -- That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute, at the discretion of the Chair, in their original language, documents received from the public and that the Clerk ensure that such documents are translated and distributed as promptly as possible.

The Committee considered future business.

At 12:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas





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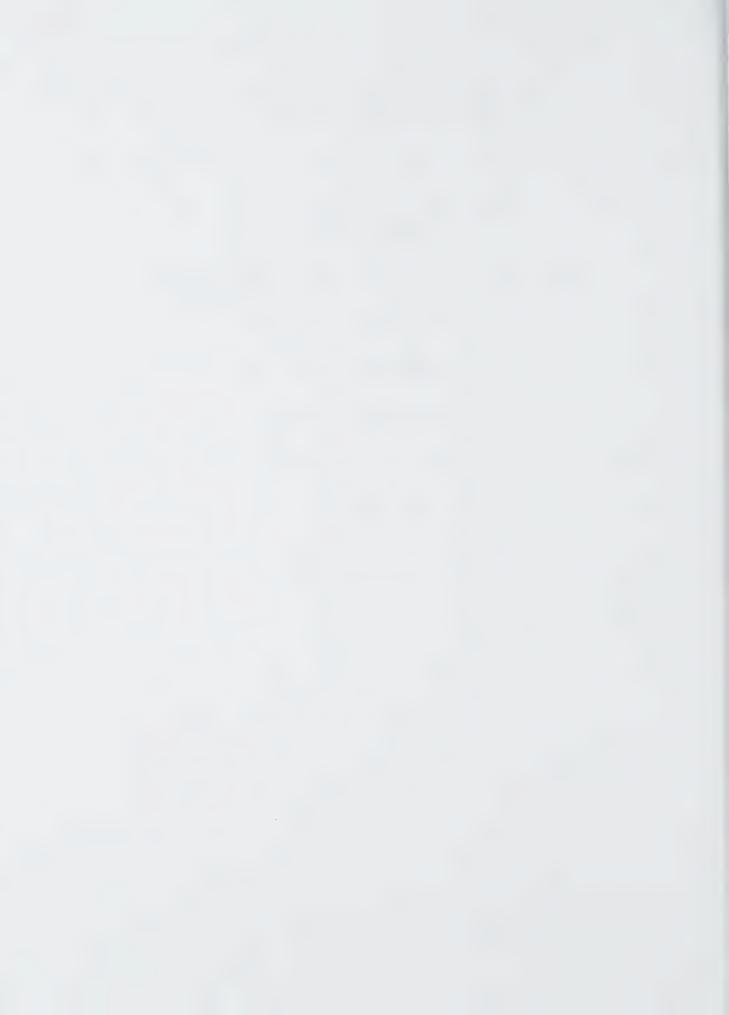
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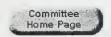
Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, November 16, 1999











Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, November 16, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met *in camera* at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, Serge Cardin, David Chatters, John Duncan, Yvon Godin, Ghislain Lebel, Julian Reed, Guy St-Julien, Brent St. Denis, Tony Valeri and Joseph Volpe.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages and Jack Stilborn, Research Officers.

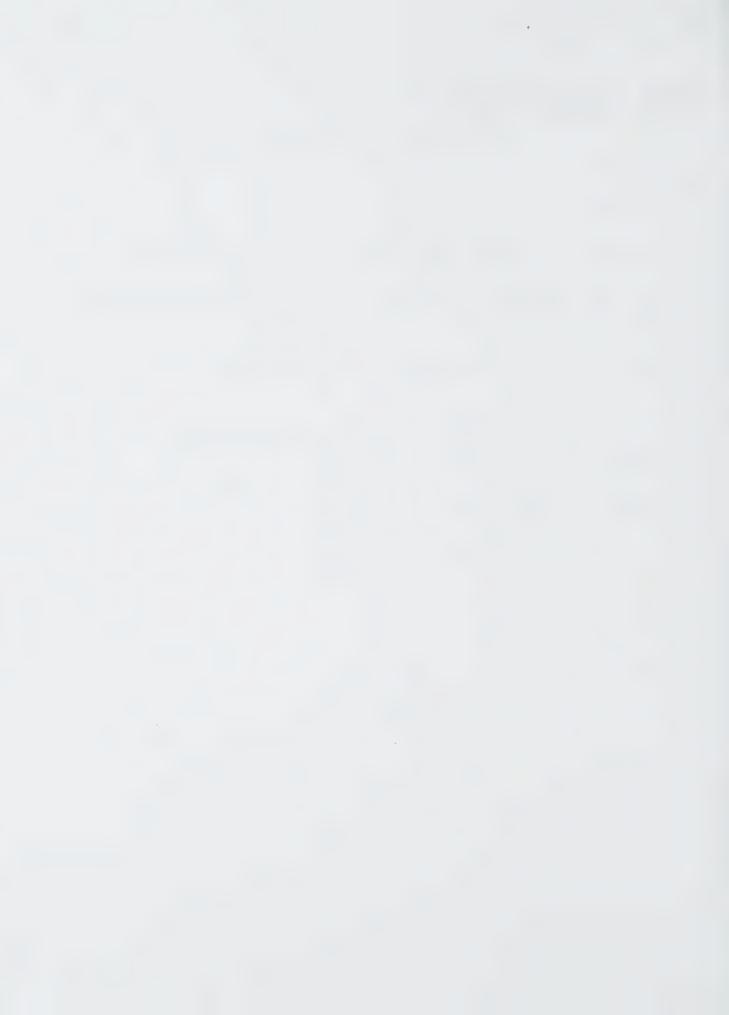
The Committee considered future business.

It was agreed, - That the Committee begin consideration of Supplementary Estimates (A) for the fiscal year ending March 3, 2000 as referred to the Committeee.

It was agreed, - That members provide to the Clerk of the Committee specific written proposals for future committee studies and meetings.

At 11:51 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas





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Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 4

Thursday, December 2, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-10, An Act to amend the Municipal Grants Act.

APPEARING:

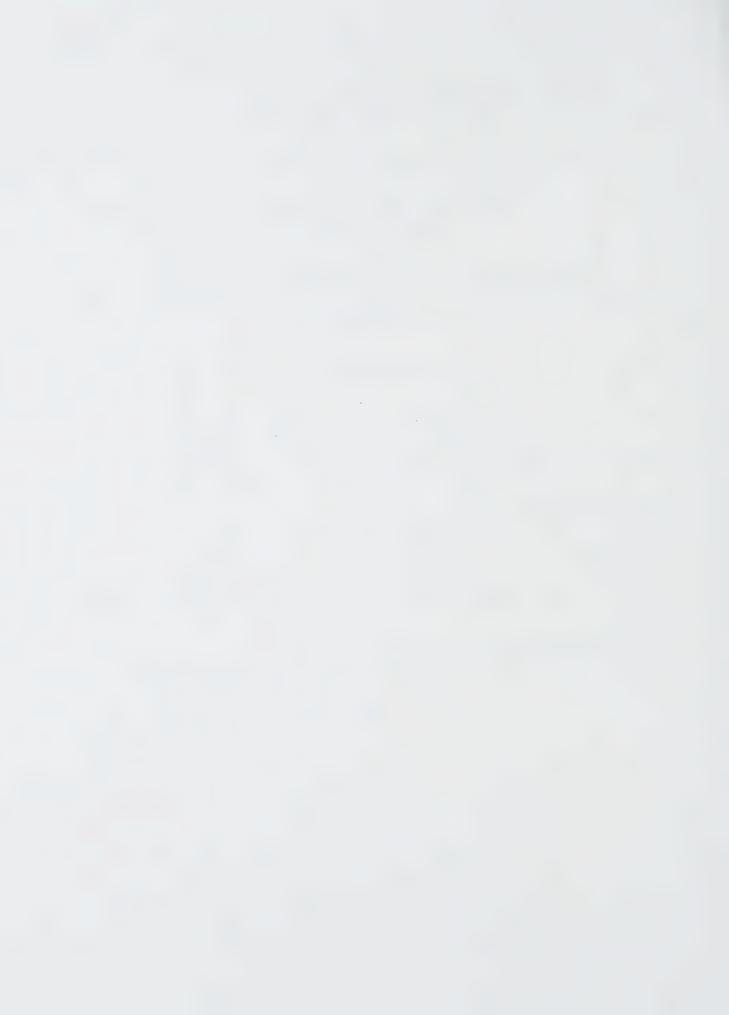
Honourable Alfonso L. Gagliano, Minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada

WITNESS:

Public Works and Government Services Canada:

Colin Boutin, Acting Director, Municipal Grants, Real Property Services Branch.







Meeting No. 4

Thursday, December 2, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, Serge Cardin, David Chatters, Tony Ianno, Ghislain Lebel, Carolyn Parrish, Carmen Provenzano, Werner Schmidt, Guy St-Julien, Brent St. Denis, Tony Valeri and Joseph Volpe.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jack Stilborn and Grant Purvis. Researcher Officers.

Appearing: The Hon. Alfonso L. Gagliano, Minister of Public Works and Government Services.

Witnesses: From Public Works and Government Services Canada: Michael Nurse, Assistant Deputy Minister, Real Property Services Branch; Colin Boutin. Acting Director Municipal Grants, Real Property Services Branch. From the Department of Justice: Jacques Gauthier, General Counsel.

The Order of Reference dated Tuesday, November 30, 1999, being now read as follows:

ORDERED, -- That Bill C-10, An Act to amend the Municipal Grants Act be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations.

The Chair called Clause 1.

The Minister made a statement and with the witnesses answered questions.

At 11:55 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas



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NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, December 7, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-10, An Act to amend the Municipal Grants Act

WITNESSES:

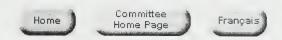
Federation of Canadian Municipalities:

John Burrett, Senior Analyst;

Joseph P. Dion, Director, Policy and Public Affairs.







Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, December 7, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, Serge Cardin, Ghislain Lebel, Carolyn Parrish, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Werner Schmidt, Guy St-Julien, Brent St. Denis and Joseph Volpe.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jack Stilborn and Grant Purvis, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Federation of Canadian Municipalities: Joseph P. Dion, Director of Policy and Public Affairs; John Burrett, Senior Analyst.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 30, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-10, An Act to amend the Municipal Grants Act (See Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, December 2, 1999, Meeting No. 4).

Joseph Dion made a statement and with John Burrett answered questions.

At 11:38 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:42 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

Clauses 1 and 2 were allowed to stand.

Clauses 3 to 9 carried.

On Clause 10,

Carolyn Parrish moved, -- That Bill C-10, in Clause 10, be amended by replacing line 16 on page 12 with the following:

"(g.1) providing that, in respect of a taxation year starting on or after January 1, 2000, subsections 3 (1.1) and (1.2) and paragraph 3.1(b) apply to corporations included in Schedule III or IV, with any modifications that the circumstances require, in respect of payments in lieu of a real property tax and a frontage or area tax and, in the case of a corporation included in Schedule IV, payments in lieu of a business occupancy tax;

(g.2) providing that section 11.1 applies to"

And the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

Clause 10, as amended, carried.

Clauses 11 to 13 carried.

On Clause 14,

Gilles Bernier moved, -- That Bill C-10, in Clause 14, be amended

(a) by replacing line 9 on page 13 with the following:

"11.1 (1) The Governor in Council shall appoint an"

(b) by replacing, in the English version, line 15 on page 13 with the following:

"further terms. The Governor in Council shall name one of"

(c) by replacing line 36 on page 13 with the following:

"Governor in Council for each day or part of a day that"

And the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

Gilles Bernier moved, -- That Bill C-10, in Clause 14, be amended

(a) by replacing line 13 on page 13 with the following:

"good behaviour for a term not exceeding three years,"

(b) by adding after line 16 on page 13 the following:

"(1.1) A member appointed under subsection (1) may be removed for cause by the Governor in Council."

And the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

Clause 14, as amended, carried.

Clauses 15 to 19 carried.

Clause 2 carried.

Clause 1 carried.

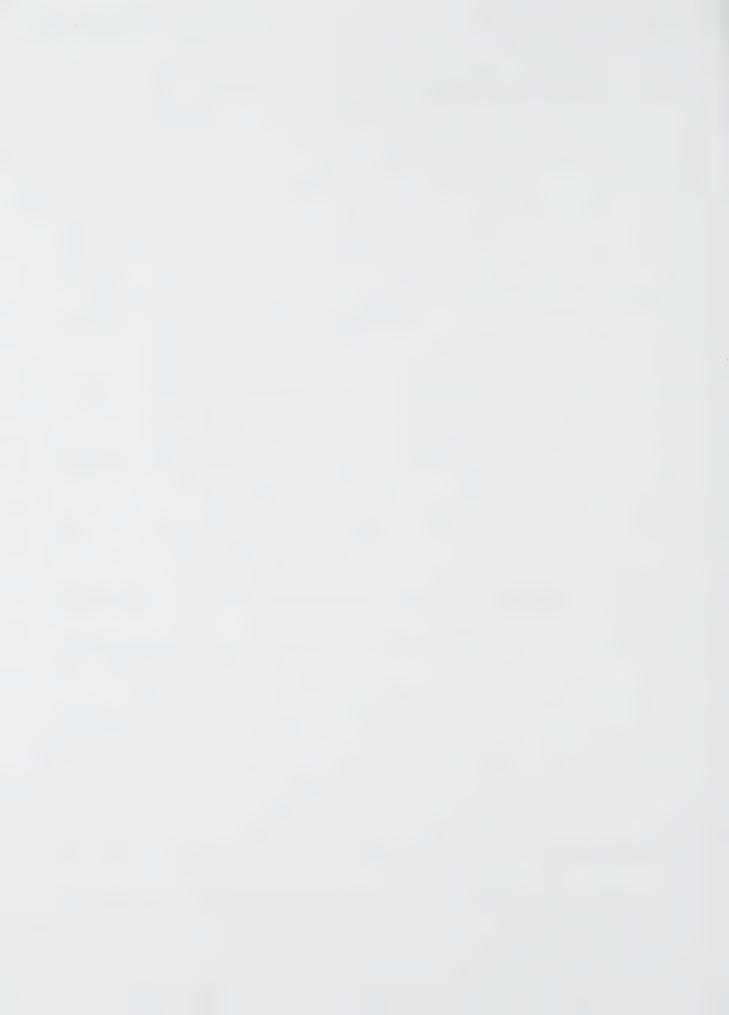
The Bill, as amended, carried.

ORDERED, -- That the Chair report Bill C-10 with amendments to the House as the First Report of the Committee.

It was agreed, -- That the Committee order a reprint of Bill C-10, as amended, for use at Report Stage.

At 11:51 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas



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Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, December 14, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Mining Industry in Canada

WITNESS:

Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada:

David Comba, Director of Issues Management.







Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, December 14, 1999

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Serge Cardin, David Chatters, Yvon Godin, Julian Reed, Werner Schmidt, Guy St-Julien, Brent St. Denis and Joseph Volpe.

Acting Member present: Ghislain Fournier for Ghislain Lebel.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Jack Stilborn and Grant Purvis; Research Officers.

Witness: From the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada: David Comba, Director.

Pursuant to the Committee's mandate under Standing Order 108(2), a study of the Mining Industry in Canada.

David Comba made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:50 p.m., the sitting continued *in camera*.

The Committee considered future business.

It was agreed. - That the Committee resume its study of "Canada's Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue": study issues related to the mining sector; follow-up on climate change issues and prepare for an examination of Canadian policy on water exports.

At 5:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas







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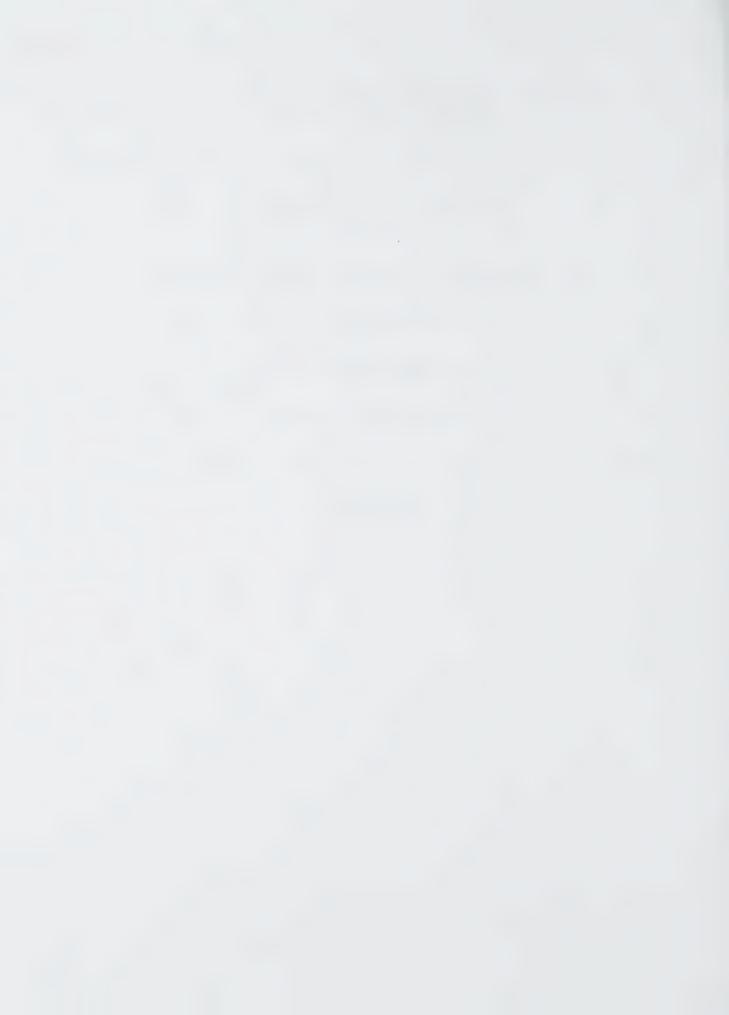
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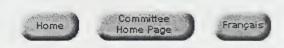
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Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, February 15, 2000







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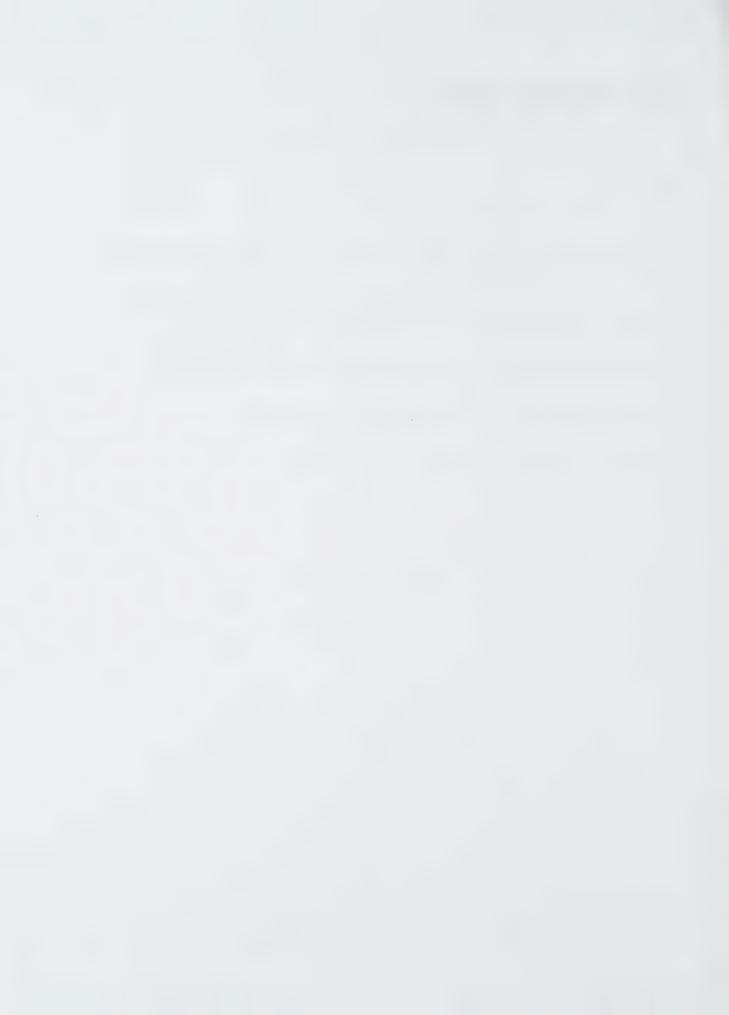
The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met in camera at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, Serge Cardin, Ghislain Lebel, Julian Reed, Werner Schmidt, Brent St. Denis and Joseph Volpe.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages and Grant Purves, Research Officers.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of its future business.

At 11:50 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 8

Wednesday, February 16, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Order in Council Appointment of the Honourable André Ouellet as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Canada Post Corporation (Sessional Paper No. 8540-362-6-4)

WITNESS:

Canada Post Corporation:

Honourable André Ouellet, President and Chief Executive Officer.







Meeting No. 8

Wednesday, February 16, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, John Duncan, Tony Ianno, Carolyn Parrish, Werner Schmidt, Guy St-Julien and Joseph Volpe.

Acting Members present: Pat Martin for Yvon Godin

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Grant Purves, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Canada Post Corporation: The Hon. André Ouellet, President and Chief Executive Officer.

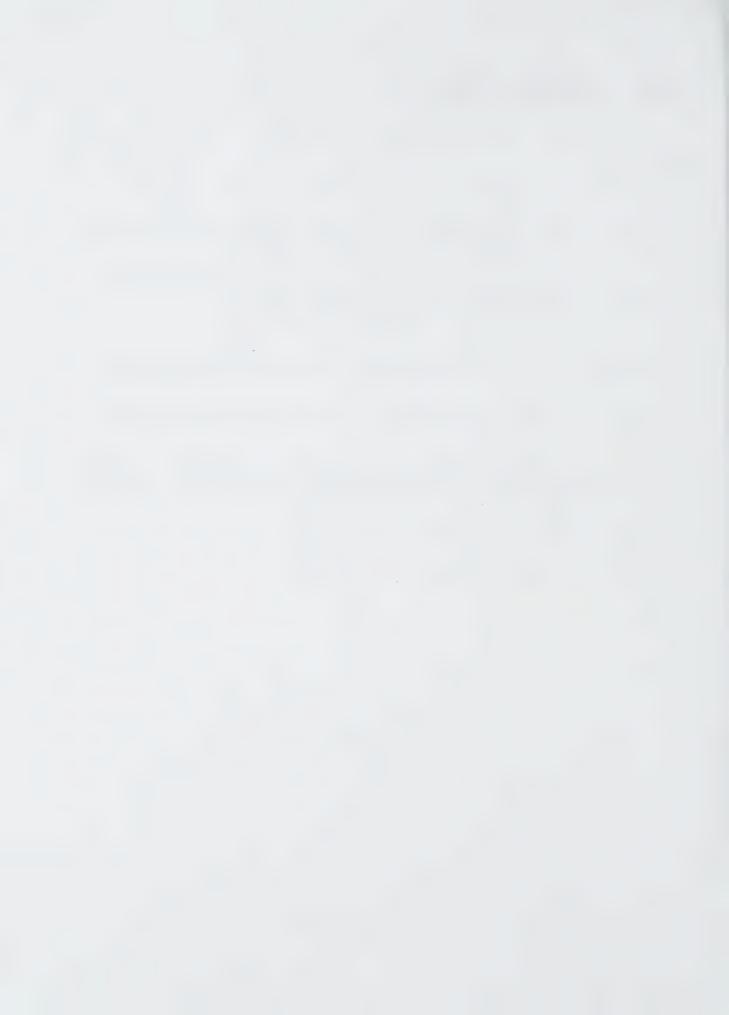
Pursuant to Standing Order 110(1), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Order in Council Appointment of the Hon. André Ouellet as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Canada Post Corporation. (Sessional Paper No. 8540-362-6-4).

The witness made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 4:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière

Clerk of the Committee



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NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 9

Thursday, February 17, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of climate change issues

WITNESSES:

National Climate Change Secretariat:

Ian McGregor, Deputy Head;

David Oulton, Head.







Meeting No. 9

Thursday, February 17, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Serge Cardin, David Chatters, Yvon Godin, Ghislain Lebel, Julian Reed, Werner Schmidt, Guy St-Julien, Brent St. Denis and Joseph Volpe.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Climate Change Secretariat: David Oulton, Head; Ian McGregor, Deputy Head.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of climate change issues.

David Oulton made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 12:19 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:21 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee resumed consideration of its future business.

At 12:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



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NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, February 22, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue

WITNESSES:

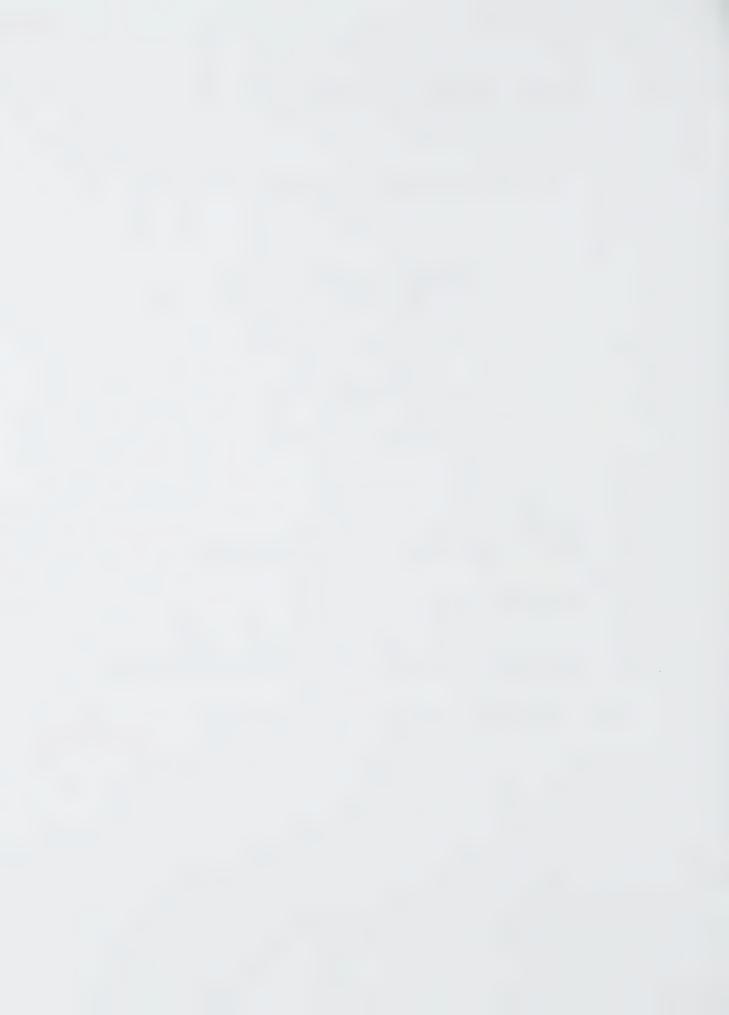
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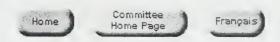
Fiona Cook, Vice-President, International Trade and Government Relations;

Joel Neuheimer, Director, International Affairs, International Trade and Government Relations;

Tony Rotherham, Director, Forests.







Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, February 22, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Yvon Godin, Tony Ianno, Julian Reed, Werner Schmidt, Guy St-Julien, Brent St. Denis, Joseph Volpe.

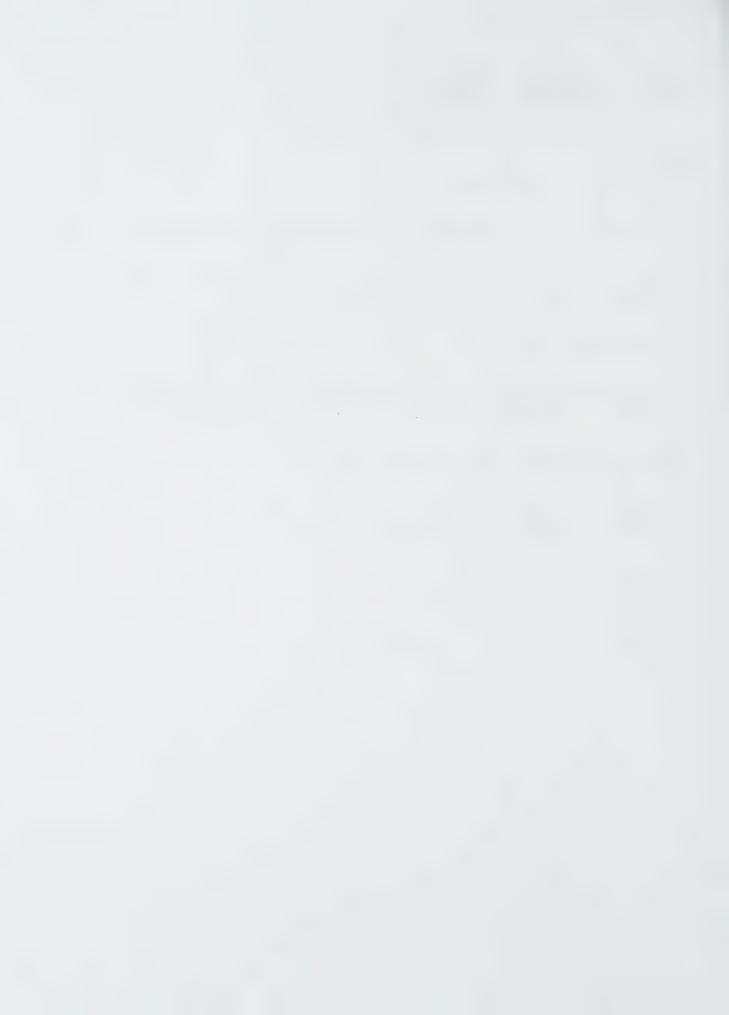
In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association: Fiona Cook, Vice-President, International Trade and Government Relations; Joel Neuheimer, Director, International Affairs, International Trade and Government Relations; Tony Rotherham, Director, Forests.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue.

The witnesses made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 11:39 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



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Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 11

Wednesday, February 23, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue

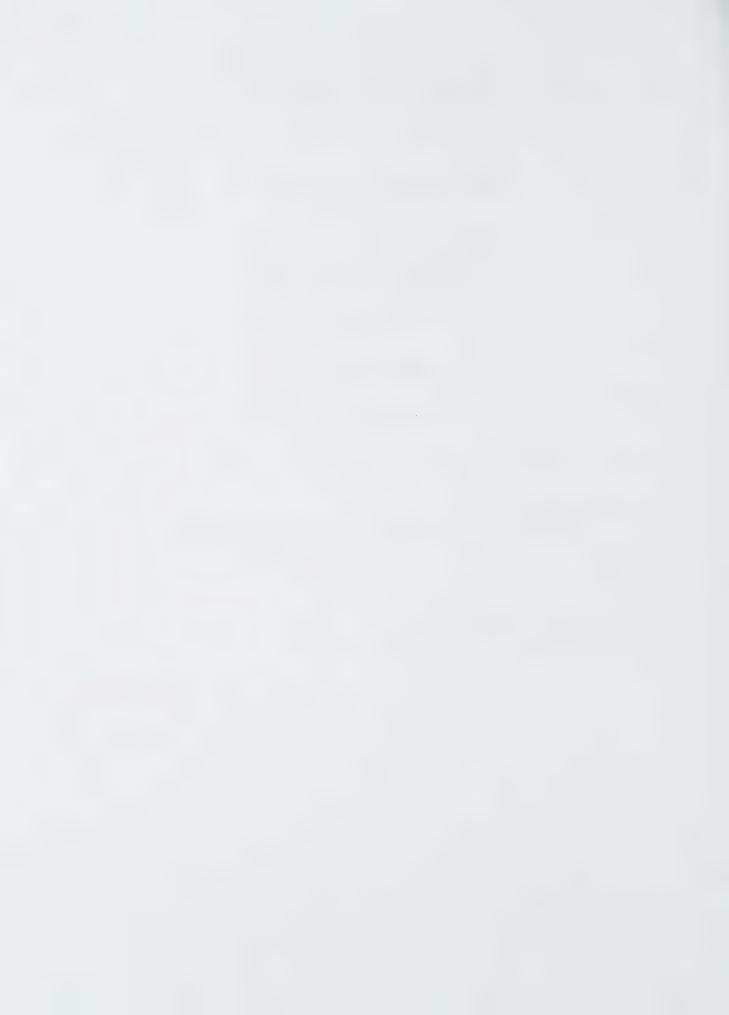
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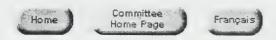
Sierra Club of Canada:

Elizabeth May, Executive Director;

Rita Morbia, Biodiversity Campaign Coordinator.







Meeting No. 11

Wednesday, February 23, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Serge Cardin, Julian Reed, Werner Schmidt, Guy St-Julien, Brent St. Denis, Joseph Volpe.

Associate Member Present: Darrel Stinson.

Acting Member Present: Dennis Gruending for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Sierra Club of Canada: Elizabeth May, Executive Director and Rita Morbia, Coordinator, Biodiversity Programme.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue.

Elizabeth May made an opening statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 4:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière

Clerk of the Committee



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NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 12

Thursday, February 24, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue

APPEARING:

Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Natural Resources and Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board

WITNESSES:

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada:

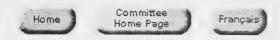
Wallace Dowswell, Director General, Export and Import Controls Bureau.

Department of Natural Resources Canada:

Yvan Hardy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Forest Service.







Meeting No. 12

Thursday, February 24, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 8:20 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Serge Cardin, Yvon Godin, Julian Reed, Werner Schmidt, Guy St-Julien, Brent St. Denis and Joseph Volpe.

Acting Members present: Darrell Stinson for David Chatters; Ghislain Lebel for René Canuel.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Research Officer.

Appearing: The Hon. Ralph Goodale, Minister of Natural Resources.

Witnesses: From the Department of Natural Resources: Dr. Peter Harrison, Deputy Minister; Dr. Yvan Hardy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Forest Service. From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Wallace H. Dowswell, Director General, Export and Import Controls Bureau.

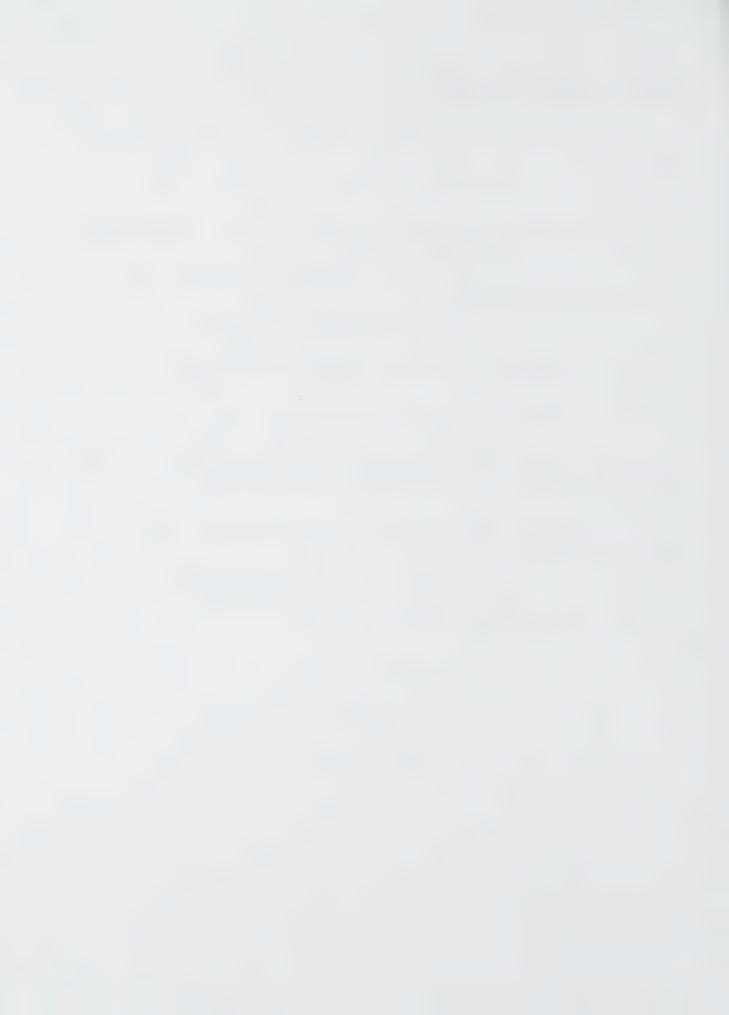
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue.

The Minister made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 9:47 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière

Clerk of the Committee





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Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue

WITNESSES:

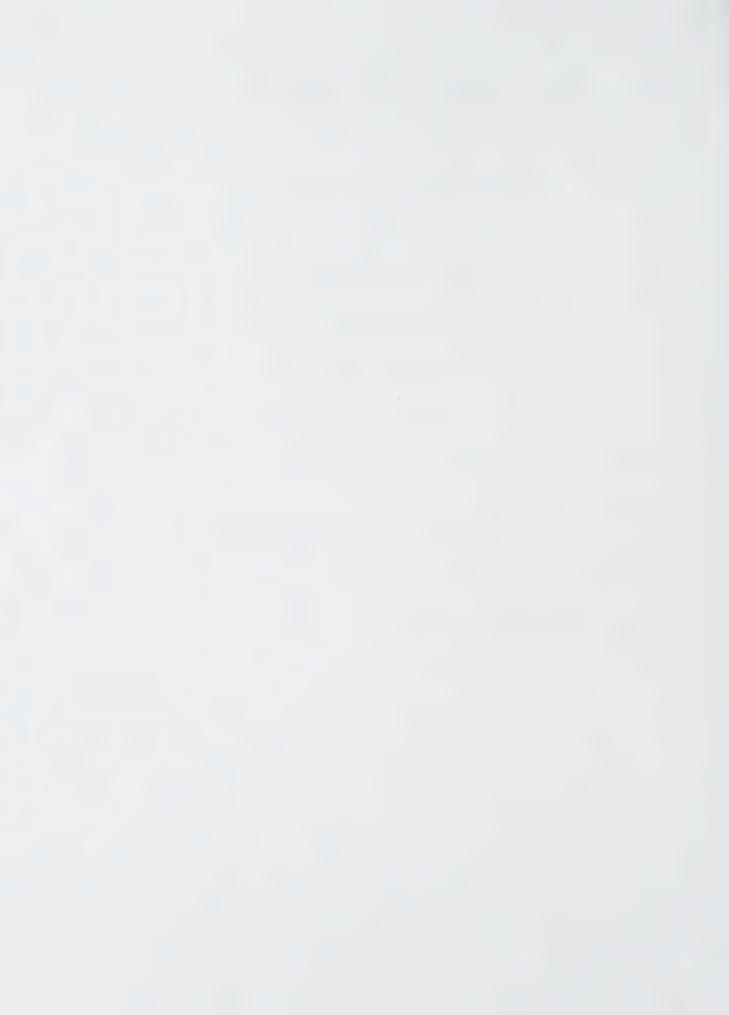
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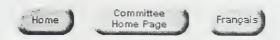
Susan Gesner, President of the Board;

Dave Lemkay, General Manager;

Fred Pollett, Consultant.







Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Serge Cardin, John Duncan, Yvon Godin, Julian Reed, Brent St. Denis and Joseph Volpe.

Acting Members present: René Canuel for Ghislain Lebel and Gerald Keddy for Gilles Bernier.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Forestry Association: Susan Gesner, President of the Board; Dave Lemkay, General Manager; Fred Pollett, Consultant.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue.

Susan Gesner made a statement and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.





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NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 14

Thursday, March 2, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue

WITNESSES:

Canadian Pulp and Paper Association:

Fiona Cook, Vice-President, International Trade and Government Relations;

Joel Neuheimer, Director, International Affairs;

Tony Rotherham, Director of Forests.







Meeting No. 14

Thursday, March 2, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe. presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Serge Cardin, John Duncan, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Brent St. Denis and Joseph Volpe.

Acting Members present: René Canuel for Ghislain Lebel; Gerald Keddy for Gilles Bernier.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association: Fiona Cook, Vice-President, International Trade and Government Relations; Joel Neuheimer, Director, International Affairs and Tony Rotherham, Director, Forests.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue.

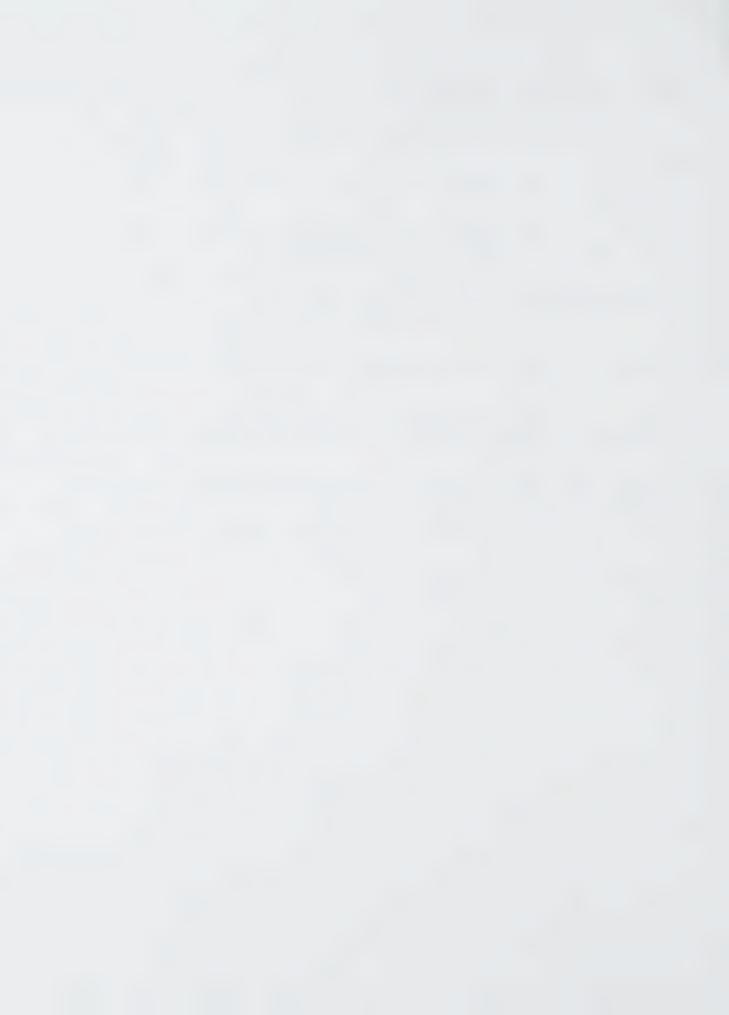
Fiona Cook and Tony Rotherham made a statement and with the other witness, answered questions.

At 12:15 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:17 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee considered issues on its future business.

At 12:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



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Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, March 21, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

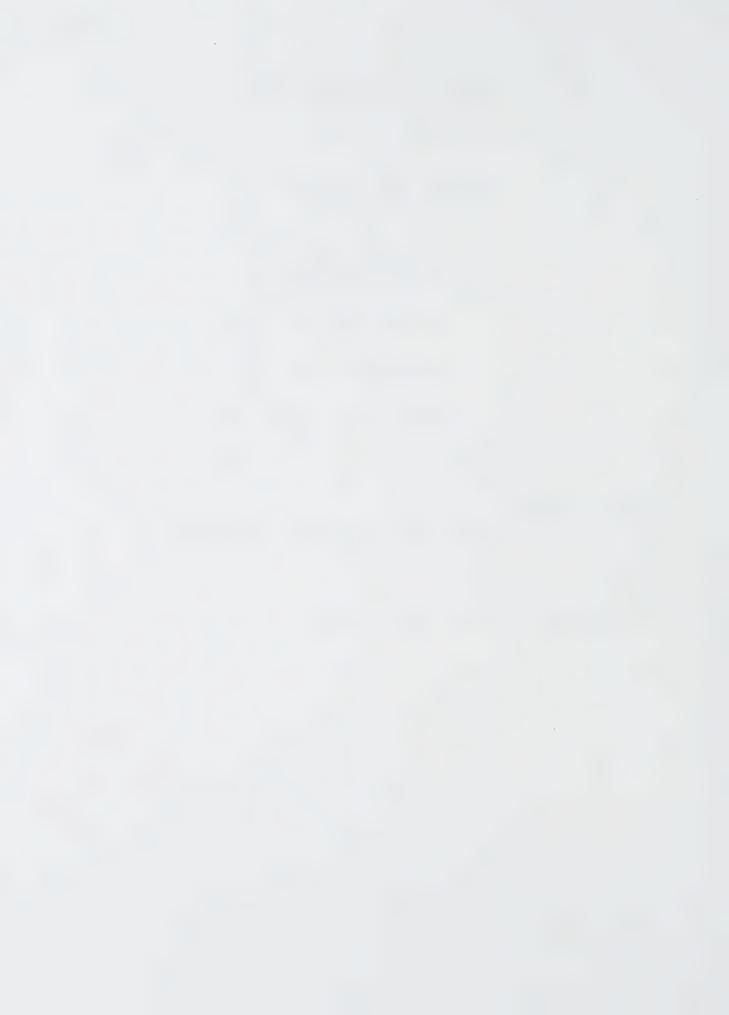
Study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue

WITNESS:

Forest Certification Watch:

Jean-Pierre Kiekens, Editor and Executive Director.







Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, March 21, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:14 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Serge Cardin, David Chatters, Ghislain Lebel, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Werner Schmidt, Guy St-Julien, Brent St. Denis and Joseph Volpe.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages et Tim Williams, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Sustainable Forestry & Certification Watch: Jean-Pierre Kiekens, Executive Director and Editor of Forest Certification Watch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue.

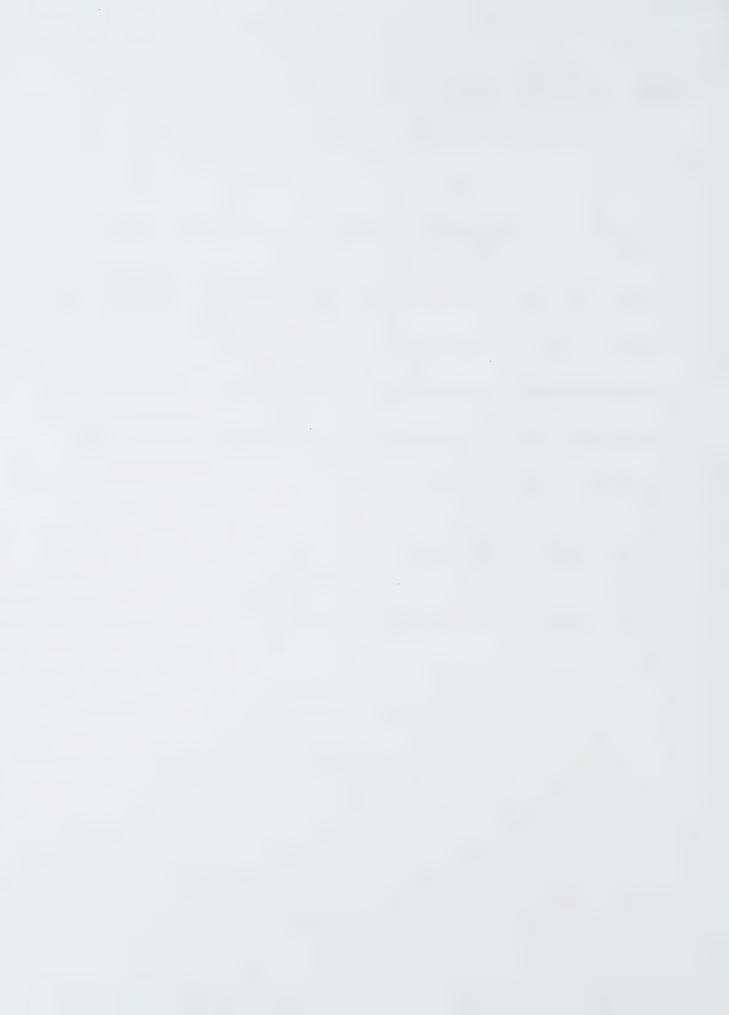
The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:13 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:14 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of its future business.

At 12:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



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Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 16

Thursday, March 23, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Canadian forest management practices as an international trade issue

WITNESSES:

Canadian Federation of Woodlot Owners:

Victor Brunette, Secretary-Treasurer; Director General, "Fédération des producteurs de bois du Québec";

Peter de Marsh, President.

"Fédération des producteurs de bois du Québec":

Jean-Claude Nadeau, President.







Meeting No. 16

Thursday, March 23, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, David Chatters, John Duncan, Carolyn Parrish, Julian Reed, Werner Schmidt and Joseph Volpe.

Acting Member present: René Canuel for Ghislain Lebel.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages and Tim Williams, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Federation of Woodlot Owners: Peter deMarsh, President, Jean-Claude Nadeau, President, "Fédération des producteurs de bois du Québec"; Victor Brunette, Secretary-treasurer and Director general, "Fédération des producteurs de bois du Québec".

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed consideration of its study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue.

Peter deMarsh and Victor Brunette made an opening statement and with the other witness, answered questions.

At 12:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière

Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, March 28, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Canadian forest management practices as an international trade issue

WITNESSES:

Grand Council of the Crees:

Jeff Quaile, Environment Analyst;

Romeo Saganash, Director, Quebec Relations.

National Aboriginal Forestry Association:

Harry M. Bombay, Executive Director.







Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, March 28, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Serge Cardin, David Chatters, John Duncan, Julian Reed, Werner Schmidt, Guy St-Julien, Brent St. Denis and Joseph Volpe.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages and Tim Williams, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the National Aboriginal Forestry Association: Harry M. Bombay, Executive Director and Rebecca McKay, representative. From the Grand Council of the Crees: Romeo Saganash, Director, Quebec Relations; Jeff Quaile, Environment Analyst; Robert Epstein, Advisor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue.

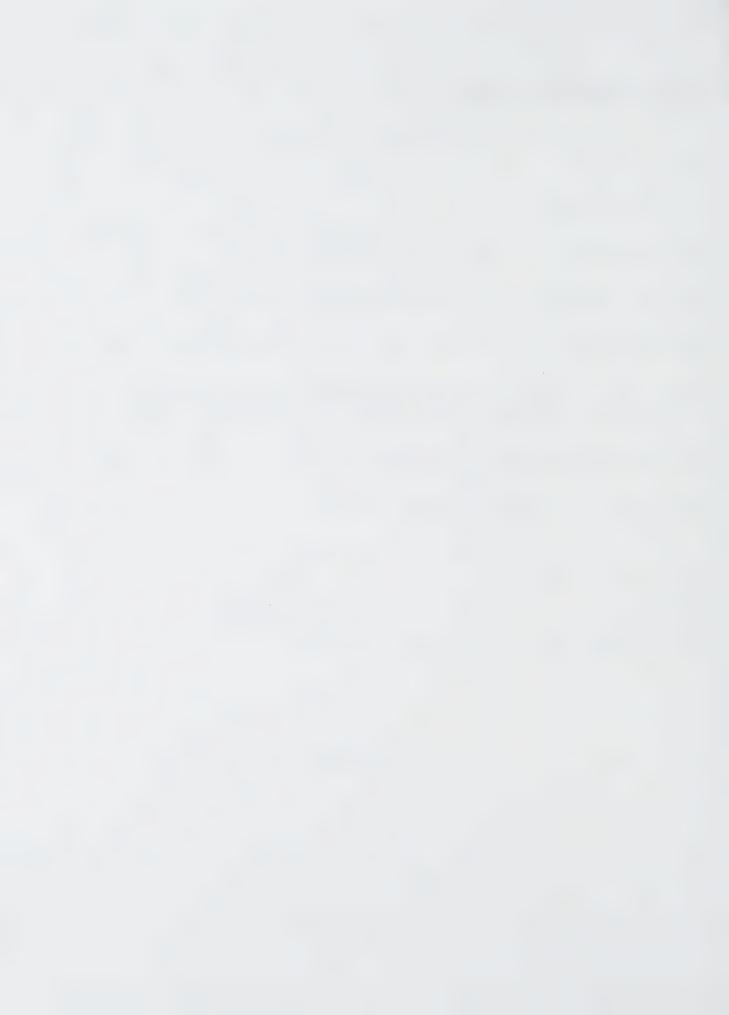
Harry M. Bombay made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:58 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:01 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Romeo Saganash made a statement and, with Jeff Quaile, answered questions.

At 12:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



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NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 18

Wednesday, March 29, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Canadian forest management practices as an international trade issue

WITNESS:

Conservation Council of New Brunswick:

David Coon, Policy Director.











Meeting No. 18

Wednesday, March 29, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 3:45 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Vice-Chair, David Chatters, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, David Chatters, John Duncan, Yvon Godin, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Brent St. Denis and Joseph Volpe.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Research Officer.

Witness: From the Conservation Council of New Brunswick: David Coon, Policy Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue.

The witness made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 4:43 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



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Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 19

Thursday, March 30, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Canadian forest management practices as an international trade issue

WITNESSES:

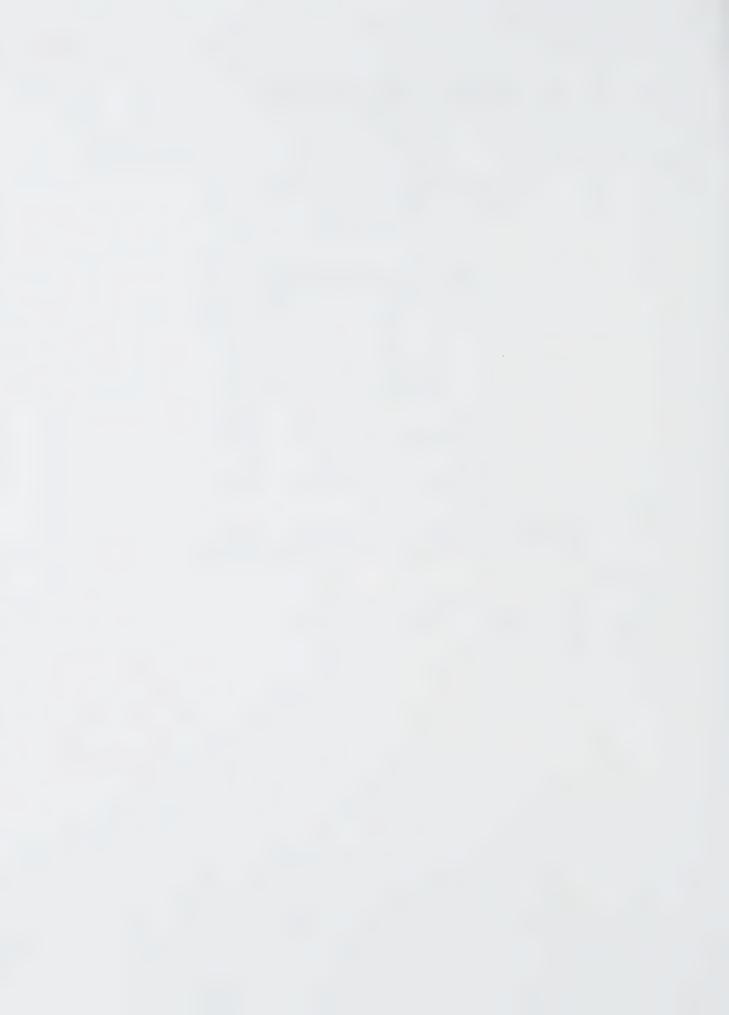
Confederation of National Trade Unions:

Michel Fortin, Vice-President, Pulp and Paper Division.

Northern Virgin Forest Coalition:

Pierre Dubois, Coordinator.







Meeting No. 19

Thursday, March 30, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:28 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Serge Cardin, David Chatters, John Duncan, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Brent St. Denis and Joseph Volpe.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages and Tim Williams, Research Officers.

Witness: From the Coalition on Primary Northern Forests: Pierre Dubois, Spokesperson; Michel Fortin, Vice-President, Pulp and Paper Section, CSN (Confédération des syndicats nationaux).

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue.

The witnesses each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.





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Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 20

Wednesday, April 5, 2000

IN CAMERA







Meeting No. 20

Wednesday, April 5, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met in camera at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

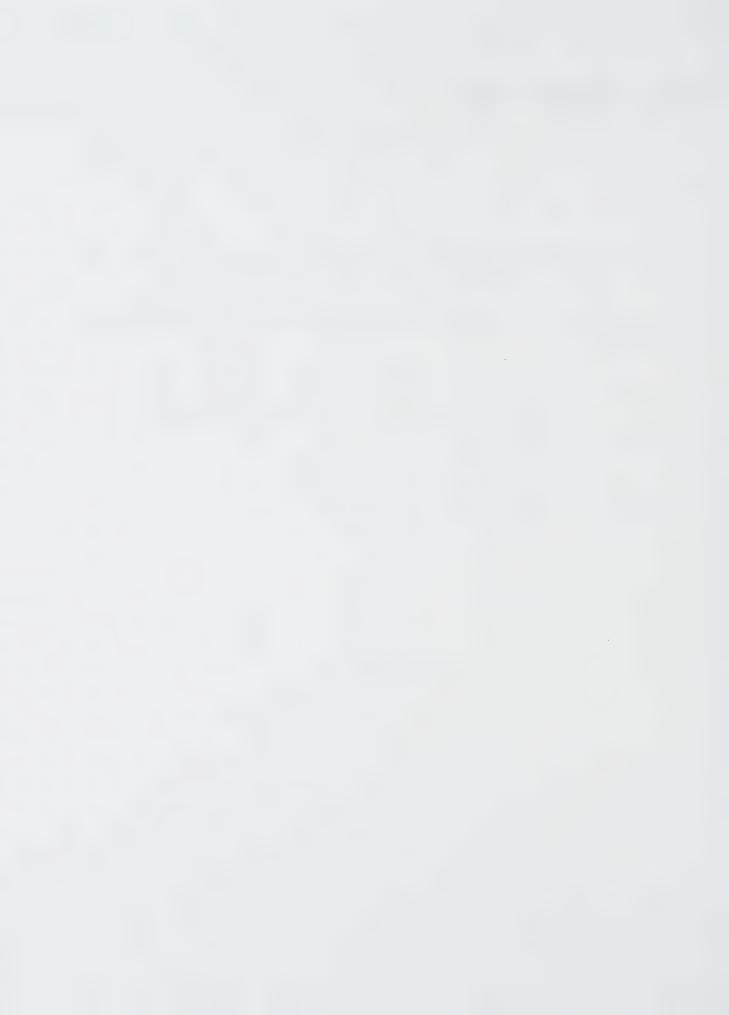
Members of the Committee present: Gilles Bernier, Serge Cardin, John Duncan, Tony Ianno, Ghislain Lebel, Carolyn Parrish, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Werner Schmidt, Brent St. Denis, Tony Valeri and Joseph Volpe.

Acting Members present: Pat Martin for Yvon Godin; Judi Longfield for Guy St-Julien.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages and Grant Purves, Research Officers.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of its future business.

At 4:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



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Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 21

Thursday, April 6, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue

WITNESSES:

Forest Stewardship Council of Canada:

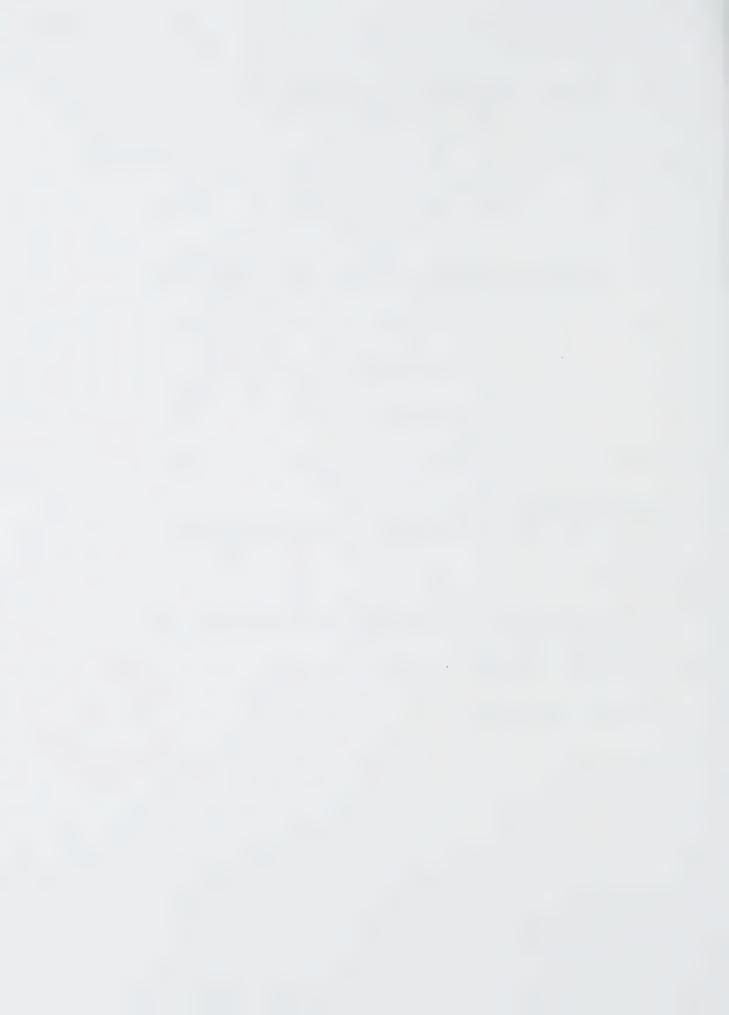
Marty Horswill, Standards Development Coordinator, B.C. Regional Initiative;

Marcello Levy, Representative.

Forest Stewardship Council—Maritimes Regional Group:

Jean Arnold, Representative.







Meeting No. 21

Thursday, April 6, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:20 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, David Chatters, John Duncan, Yvon Godin, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Guy St-Julien, Brent St. Denis, Tony Valeri and Joseph Volpe.

Acting Member present: René Canuel for Ghislain Lebel.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages and Tim Williams, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Forest Stewardship Council - Maritime Initiative: Jean Arnold, Executive Director. From the Forest Stewardship Council of Canada: Marcello Levy, Representative; Marty Horswill, Standards Development Coordinator, B.C. Regional Initiative.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue.

Jean Arnold made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 12:29 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:31 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses from the Forest Stewardship Council of Canada each made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 1:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



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Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, April 11, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

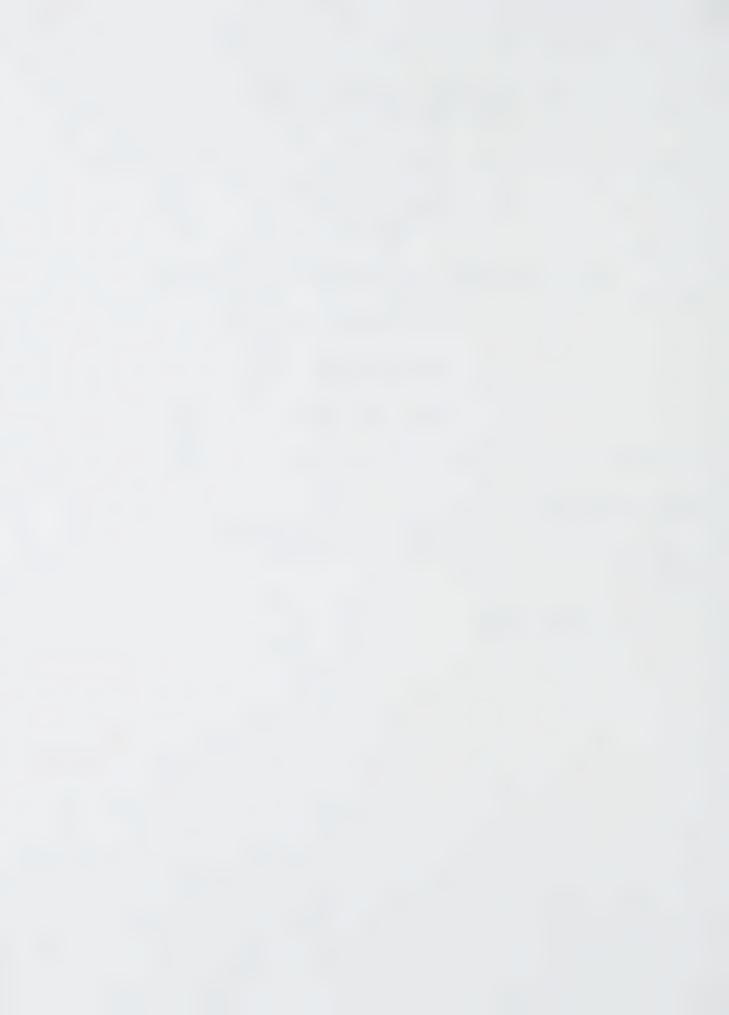
Study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue

WITNESS:

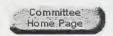
Home Depot Canada:

Annette Verschuren, President.











Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, April 11, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Serge Cardin, David Chatters, Yvon Godin, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Guy St-Julien, Brent St. Denis and Joseph Volpe.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages and Tim Williams, Research Officers.

Witness: From Home Depot Canada: Annette Verschuren, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue.

The witness made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 12:17 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:18 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee discussed its future business.

At 12:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.





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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 36th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 23

Wednesday, April 12, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of canadian forest management practices as an international trade issue

WITNESSES:

«Association des manufacturiers de bois de sciage du Québec»:

Jacques Gauvin, Vice-President, Forestry.

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada:

Richard D. Ballhorn, Director General, International Environmental Affairs Bureau.

 $Department\ of\ Natural\ Resources\ Canada:$

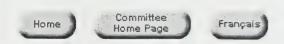
Douglas George, Director, Softwood Lumber Division;

Greg Graham, Coordinator, International Forestry Partnerships Program, International Communications, Communications Programs and Outreach Division;

Dan Welsh, Director of Programs, Industry, Economics and Programs Branch.







Meeting No. 23

Wednesday, April 12, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 3:04 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Serge Cardin, David Chatters, John Duncan, Yvon Godin, Ghislain Lebel, Carolyn Parrish, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Guy St-Julien, Brent St. Denis and Joseph Volpe.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages and Tim Williams, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Richard D. Ballhorn, Director General, International Environmental Affairs Bureau; Greg Graham, Co-ordinator, International Forestry Partnerships Program, International Communications, Communications Programs and Outreach Division; Douglas George, Director, Softwood Lumber Division. From the Department of Natural Resources: Dan Welsh, Director of Programs, Industry, Economics and Programs Branch. From the "Association des manufacturiers de bois de sciage du Québec": Jacques Gauvin, Vice-president, Forestry.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue.

The witnesses each made a statement and answered questions.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Brent St-Denis, it was agreed, - That the Standing Committee approve the travel motion presented at the April 11th in camera meeting.

That, for the purpose of travelling, the Committee be composed of ten (10) Members, - two (2) Canadian Alliance Members, one (1) Bloc Québécois Member, one (1) NDP Member, one (1) P.C. Member and five (5) Liberal Members and the necessary staff to accompany the Committee; and

That, for that purpose, the Committee adopt a travel budget in the amount of \$72,910.80 with instructions to the Chair to present it to the Liaison Committee for approval.

At 4:22 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:23 p.m., the sitting resumed and Julian Reed (Vice-chair) took the Chair.

Jacques Gauvin, from the "Association des manufacturiers de bois de sciage du Québec" made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 24

Thursday, April 13, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue

WITNESSES:

Forest Alliance of British Columbia:

Sarah Goodman, Media Relations Manager.

Industrial Wood and Allied Workers of Canada:

Neil Menard, 1st Vice-President;

Darol Smith, Executive Board Member, Local 2171;

Darrel Wong, President, Local 2171.







Meeting No. 24

Thursday, April 13, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Vice-Chair, Julian Reed, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Serge Cardin, David Chatters, John Duncan, Yvon Godin, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Werner Schmidt, and Brent St. Denis.

Acting Member present: Gerald Keddy for Gilles Bernier.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages and Tim Williams, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From IWA Canada: Neil Menard, 1st Vice-president: Darrel Wong, President, Local 2171; Darol Smith, Executive Board Member, Local 2171. From the Forest Alliance of British Columbia: Sarah Goodman, Media Relations Manager.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue.

The witnesses from IWA Canada and the witness from the Forest Alliance of British Columbia each made an opening statement and together, answered questions.

At 12:49 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 25

Tuesday, May 2, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue

WITNESSES:

Buchanan Group of Companies:

Yves Fricot, Vice-President and General Counsel;

Glen Swant, Head Forester.

J.D. Irving Limited:

Blake Brunsdon, Chief Forester;

Jim Irving, President.

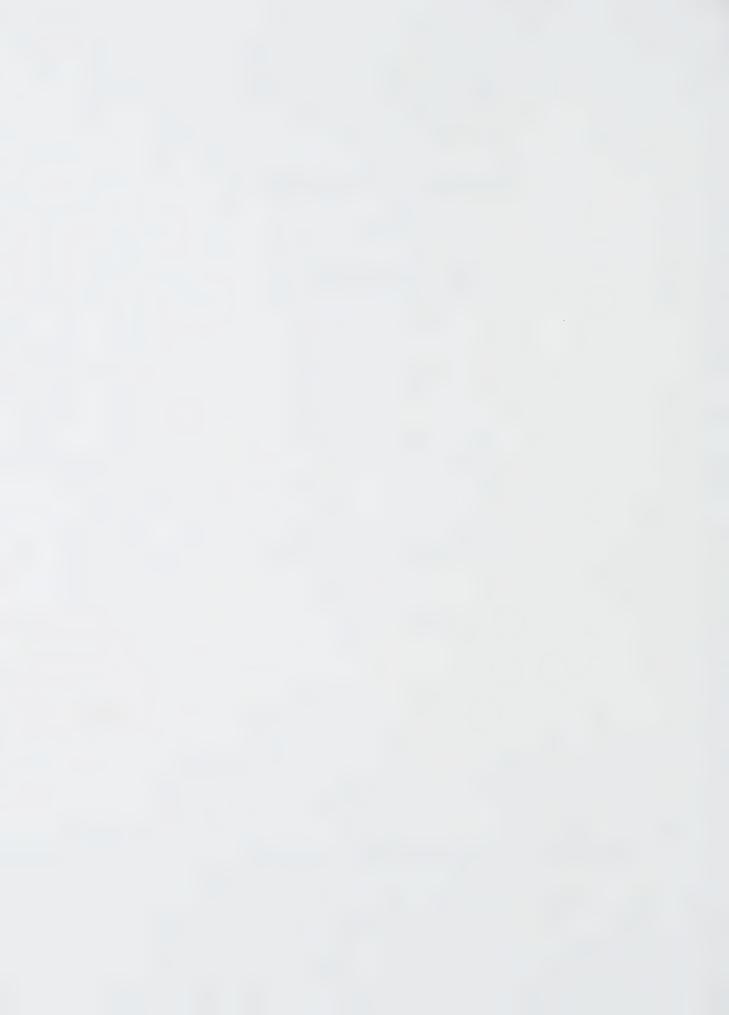
Quality Management Institute:

Peter Johnson, Manager, Registration Development.

Standards Council of Canada:

Stephan Janhager, Senior Program Officer, EMS Registration.







Meeting No. 25

Tuesday, May 2, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Serge Cardin, David Chatters, John Duncan, Yvon Godin, Werner Schmidt, Brent St. Denis and Joseph Volpe.

Acting Members present: Joe Comuzzi for Guy St-Julien.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages and Tim Williams, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From J. D. Irving Ltd.: Jim Irving, President; Blake Brunsdon, Chief Forester. From the Standards Council of Canada: Stephan Janhager, Senior Program Officer, EMS Registration. From the Quality Management Institute: Peter Johnson, Manager, Registration Development. From the Buchanan Group of Companies: Yves Fricot, Vice-President & General Counsel; Glen Swant, Head Forester.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue.

Jim Irving and Blake Brunsdon each made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 12:05 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:15 p.m., the sitting resumed.

By unanimous consent, on motion of David Chatters, it was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations request an Order of Reference from the House of Commons to travel from May 7th to 12, 2000, to Sault-Ste-Marie (ON), Thunder Bay (ON), Baie Comeau (QC), Rimouski (QC) and Bathurst (N.B.) for its consideration of Forest Practices in Canada as an International Trade Issue.

Stephan Janhager and Peter Johnson each made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 1:01 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:04 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Yves Fricot and Glen Swant each made and opening statement and answered questions.

At 2:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis Committee Clerk

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 26

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001 and report on Plans and Priorities (Part III)

APPEARING:

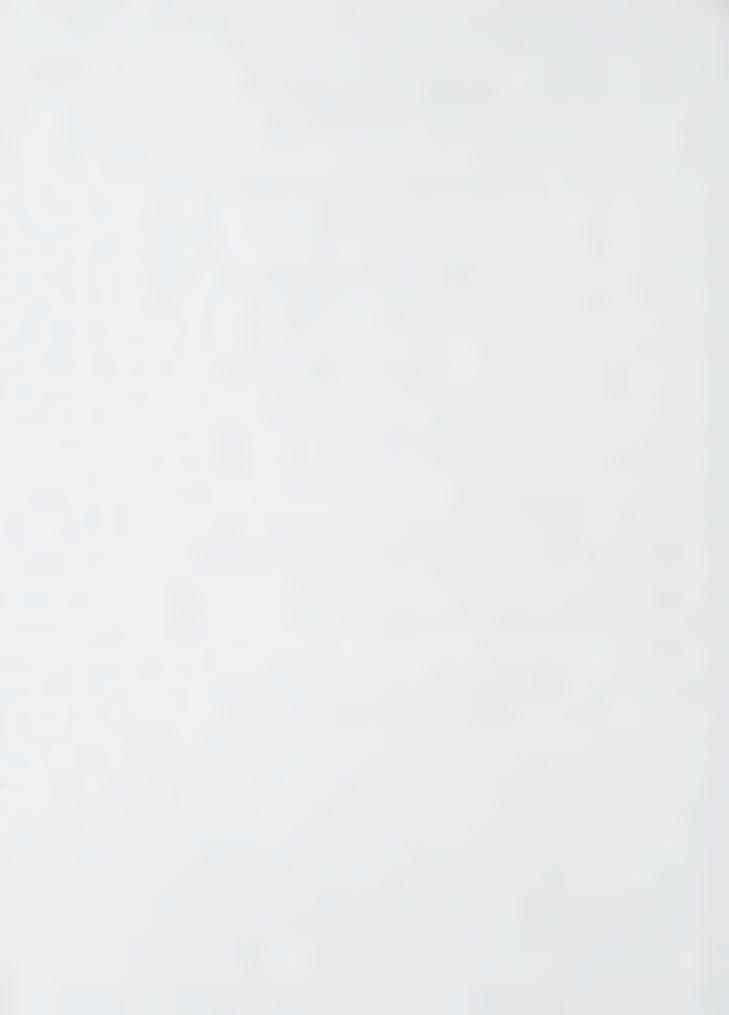
Honourable Ralph E. Goodale, Minister of Natural Resources

WITNESS:

Department of Natural Resources:

Peter Harrison, Deputy Minister, Canadian Forest Service.







Meeting No. 26

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Serge Cardin, David Chatters, Yvon Godin, Tony Ianno, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Werner Schmidt, Brent St. Denis and Joseph Volpe.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Research Officer.

Appearing: From the Department of Natural Resources: The Hon. Ralph Goodale, Minister of Natural Resources.

Witnesses: From the Department of Natural Resources: Dr. Peter Harrison, Deputy Minister, Canadian Forest Service; Dr. Marc Denis Everell, Assistant Deputy Minister, Earth Sciences Sector; Bruce Holden, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Sector; Senior Officials.

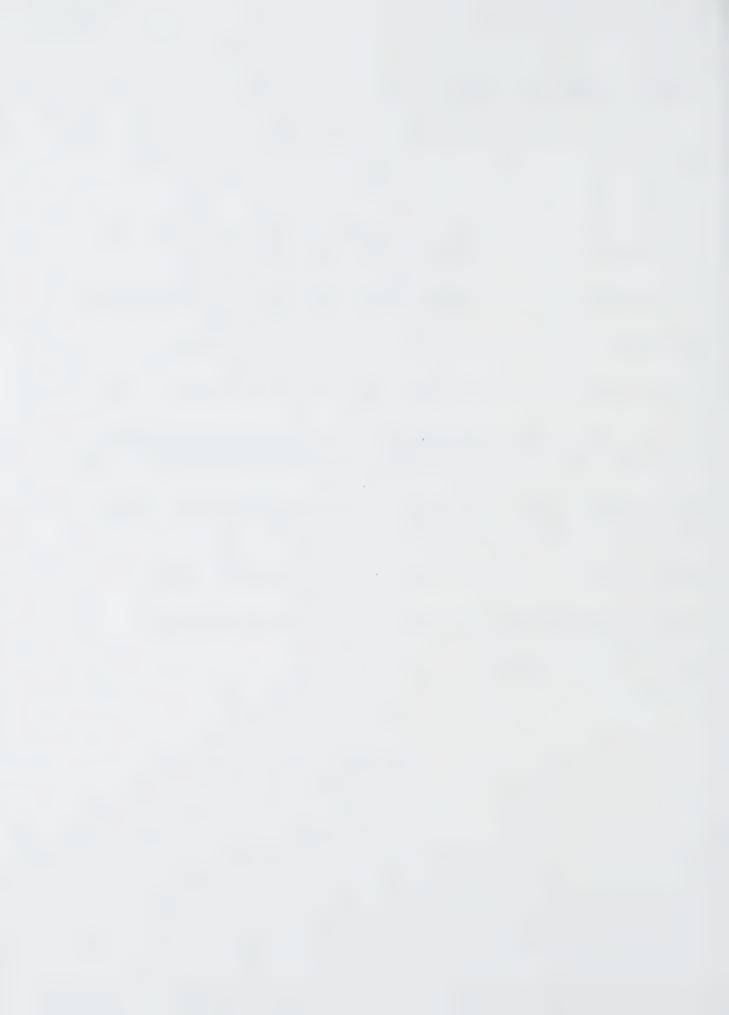
In accordance with its Order of Reference from the House of Commons of Tuesday, February 29, 2000, consideration of the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001 and report on Plans and Priorities (Part III).

By unanimous consent, the Chair called Votes 1, 5, 15, 20, 25 and 30 under NATURAL RESOURCES.

The Minister made an opening statement and, with Dr. Harrison, answered questions.

At 4:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Miriam Burke Committee Clerk





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 27

Thursday, May 4, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001 and report on Plans and Priorities (Part III) – Votes 1, 5, 15, 20, 25, and 30 under PUBLIC WORKS AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES

APPEARING:

Honourable Alfonso L. Gagliano, Minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada

WITNESSES:

Canada Lands Company:

Roman Winnicki, President.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation:

Bill Mulvihill, Vice-President, Corporate Services, and Chief Financial Officer;

Claude Poirier-Defoy, President.

Canada Post Corporation:

Honourable André Ouellet, President and Chief Executive Officer.



Public Works and Government Services Canada:

François Brazeau, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Real Property Services Branch; Ranald Quail, Deputy Minister.

Royal Canadian Mint:

Danielle Wetherup, President and Master of the Mint.



Meeting No. 27

Thursday, May 4, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Julian Reed, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, Serge Cardin, Ghislain Lebel, Julian Reed, Werner Schmidt, Guy St-Julien and Joseph Volpe.

Acting Members present: Paul Forseth for John Duncan; Alex Shepherd for Brent St. Denis.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Grant Purves, Research Officer.

Appearing: From Public Works and Government Services Canada: The Hon. Alfonso L. Gagliano, Minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada.

Witnesses: From Public Works and Government Services Canada: Ranald Quail, Deputy Minister; Senior Officials. From the Canada Post Corporation: The Hon. André Ouellet, President and Chief Executive Officer. From the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation: Claude Poirier-Defoy, President. From the Royal Canadian Mint: Danielle Wetherup, President and Master of the Mint. From the Canada Information Office: Marc Lafrenière, Executive Director.

In accordance with its Order of Reference from the House of Commons of Tuesday, February 29, 2000, consideration of the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001 and report on Plans and Priorities (Part III) - Votes 1, 5, 15, 20, 25 and 30 under PUBLIC WORKS AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

By unanimous consent, the Chair called votes 1, 5, 15, 20, 25 and 30 under PUBLIC WORKS AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

Alfonso Gagliano made an opening statement and with R. Quail, F. Brazeau, C. Poirier-Defoy, A. Ouellet, B. Mulvihill, R. Winnicki and D. Wetherup, answered questions.

At 11:20, the Chair assumed the Chair.

At 12:52 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Miriam Burke Committee Clerk



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-12, An Act to amend the Canada Labour Code (Part II) in respect of occupational health and safety, to make technical amendments to the Canada Labour Code (Part I) and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

Future business

WITNESSES:

Canadian Labour Congress:

David Bennett, Director, Health and Safety Department;

Jeff Bennie, National Representative;

Hassan Yussuff, Executive Vice-President.

"Confédération des syndicats nationaux (CSN)":

Claudette Carbonneau, Vice-President;

Yvan Malo, Servicing Representative, Health and Security.

"Fédération des travailleurs et travailleuses du Québec (FTQ)":

Émile Vallée, Political Advisor.







Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:19 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Yvon Godin, Ghislain Lebel, Julian Reed, Werner Schmidt, Guy St-Julien, Brent St. Denis and Joseph Volpe.

Acting Members present: Dale Johnston for David Chatters; Monique Guay for Serge Cardin.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Grant Purves, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Labour Congress: David Bennett, Director, Health & Safety Department; Hassan Yussuff, Executive Vice-President; Jeff Bennie, National Representative. From the "Fédération des travailleurs et travailleuses du Québec (FTQ)": Émile Vallée, Political Advisor. From the CSN: Claudette Carbonneau, Vice-President; Yvan Malo, Servicing Representative, Health and Security; Chantal Piau, Vice-President, "Fédération nationale des communications".

The Order of Reference dated Friday, March 24, 2000, being now read as follows:

ORDERED, -- That Bill C-12, An Act to amend the Canada Labour Code (Part II) in respect of occupational health and safety, to make technical amendments to the Canada Labour Code (Part I) and to make consequential amendments to other Acts be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations.

The Chair called Clause 1.

Hassan Yussuff from the Canadian Labour Congress, Émile Vallée from the "Fédération des travailleurs et travailleuses au Québec" and Claudette Carbonneau from the "Confédération des syndicats nationaux" each made an opening statement and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:51 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:53 p.m., the sitting resumed.

By unanimous consent, the Committee proceeded to the consideration of its future business.

At 12:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 29

Wednesday, May 10, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-12, An Act to amend the Canada Labour Code (Part II) in respect of occupational health and safety, to make technical amendments to the Canada Labour Code (Part I) and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

WITNESSES:

Canadian Auto Workers:

Cathy Walker, Director.

Canadian Union of Public Employees:

Anthony Pizzino, Director, Health and Safety Branch.

Canadian Union of Postal Workers:

Jeff Bennie, National Representative.

Public Service Alliance of Canada:

Louise Hall, Coordinator, Programs Section;

Denis St-Jean, Agent, Health and Security;

Nycole Turmel, President.



Transportations and Communications (FETCO):

Don V. Brazier, Executive Director, Federally Regulated Employers;

Harry Phillips, Director, Safety and Environment, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Federally Regulated Employers.

"Université du Québec à Montréal":

Katherine Lippel, Law Professor.



Meeting No. 29

Wednesday, May 10, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 3:46 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Julian Roed, Brent St. Denis and Joseph Volpe.

Acting Members present: Dale Johnston for David Chatters; Monique Guay for Guy St-Julien.

Associate Member present: Pat Martin.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Grant Purves, Researach Officer.

Witnesses: From the Public Service Alliance of Canada: Nycole Turmel, President; Louise Hall, Coordinator, Program Section; Denis St-Jean, Agent, Health & Security, Program Section. From the Canadian Union of Postal Workers: Jeff Bennie, National Representative. From the Canadian Auto Workers Union: Cathy Walker, Director. From the Federally Regulated Employers - Transportations and Communications (FETCO): Don V. Brazier, Executive Director; Normand Côté, Senior Manager, Employee/Industrial Relations, Bank of Montreal; Harry Phillips, Director, Safety & Environment, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. From the "Université du Québec à Montréal": Me Katherine Lippel, Professor.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Friday, March 24, 2000, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-12. An Act to amend the Canada Labour Code (Part II) in respect of occupational health and safety, to make technical amendments to the Canada Labour Code (Part I) and to make consequential amendments to other Acts (See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, May 9, 2000, Meeting No. 28).

Nycole Turmel from the Public Service Alliance of Canada, Cathy Walker from the Canadian Auto Workers Union, Don Brazier and Harry Phillips from the Federally Regulated Employers - Transportations and Communications (FETCO), Anthony Pizzino from the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Jeff Bennie from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers and Professor Katherine Lippel from the "Université du Québec à Montréal" each made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière Clerk of the Committee



Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 30

Thursday, May 11, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-12, An Act to amend the Canada Labour Code (Part II) in respect of occupational health and safety, to make technical amendments to the Canada Labour Code (Part I) and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

WITNESSES:

"Association des médecins du réseau public en santé au travail du Québec":

Luc Bhérer, Doctor, Medical Consultant, Occupational Health, Head of the Occupational health services clinic, Outaouais Public Health Division.

 $Department\ of\ Human\ Resources\ Development:$

Jean-Pierre Aubre, Counsel, Labour Group;

Michèle Beauchamp, Program Analyst, Operations, Labour;

Gerry Blanchard, Director General, Operations, Labour;

Warren Edmondson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Labour;

Rick Seaman, Program Analyst, Operations, Labour.







Meeting No. 30

Thursday, May 11, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Julian Reed, Guy St-Julien and Joseph Volpe.

Acting Members present: Dale Johnston for David Chatters; Monique Guay for Serge Cardin.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Grant Purves, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the "Association des médecins du réseau public en santé au travail du Québec": Dr. Luc Bhérer, Medical Consultant, Occupational Health, "Direction de la santé publique de l'Outaouais". From the Department of Human Resources Development Canada: Warren Edmondson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Labour; Gerry Blanchard, Director General, Operations. Labour; Michèle Beauchamp, Program Analyst, Operations, Labour; Rick Seaman, Program Analyst, Operations, Labour. From the Department of Justice: Jean-Pierre Aubre, LL.M., Counsel, Legal Services.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Friday, March 24, 2000, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-12, An Act to amend the Canada Labour Code (Part II) in respect of occupational health and safety, to make technical amendments to the Canada Labour Code (Part I) and to make consequential amendments to other Acts (See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, May 9, 2000, Meeting No. 28).

The witness from the "Association des médecins du réseau public en santé au travail du Québec" made a statement and answered questions.

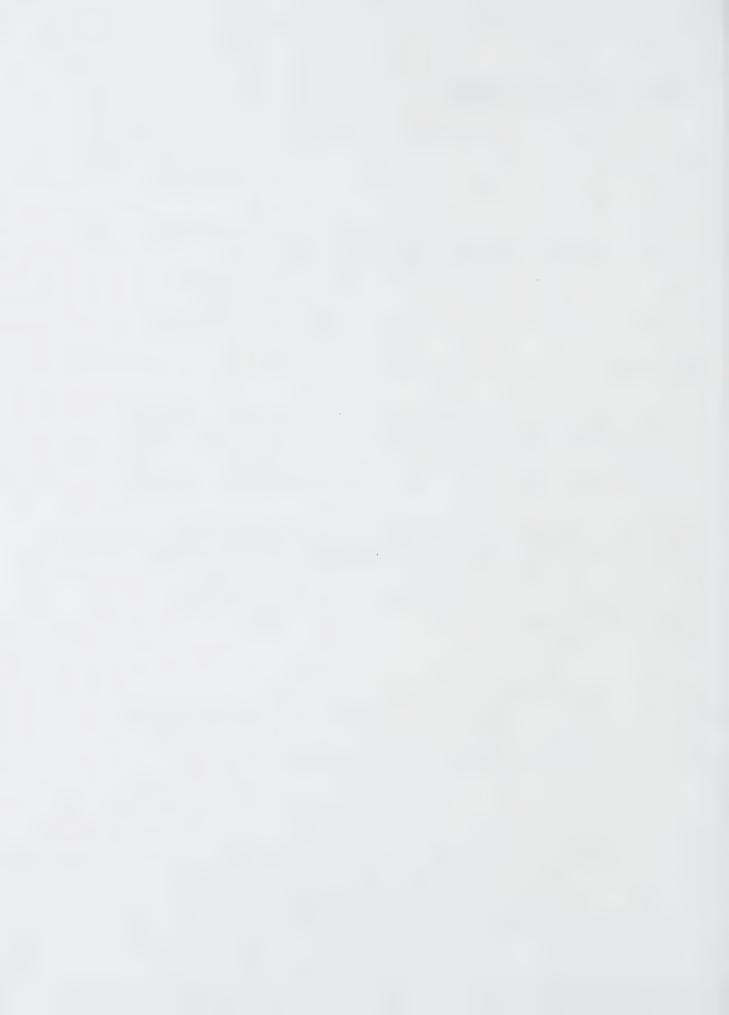
At 11:27 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:29 a.m. the sitting resumed.

Warren Edmondson made an opening statement and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:46 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, May 16, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-12, An Act to amend the Canada Labour Code (Part II) in respect of occupational health and safety, to make technical amendments to the Canada Labour Code (Part I) and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

WITNESSES:

Department of Human Resources Development Canada:

Jean-Pierre Audre, Counsel, Legal Services;

Gerry Blanchard, Director General, Operations, Labour;

Rick Seaman, Program Consultant, Occupational Safety and Health and Fire Prevention, Operations.







Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, May 16, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:20 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Tony Ianno, Carmen Provenzano, Werner Schmidt, Brent St. Denis and Joseph Volpe.

Acting Members present: Dale Johnston for David Chatters; Monique Guay for Serge Cardin; Judi Longfield for Tony Valeri; Pat Martin for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Grant Purves, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Human Resources Development Canada: Gerry Blanchard, Director General, Operations, Labour; Bill Worona, Director, Occupational Safety and Health and Fire Prevention, Operations; Rick Seaman, Program Consultant, Occupational Safety and Health and Fire Prevention, Operations; Michèle Beauchamp, Program Consultant, Occupational Safety and Health and Fire Prevention, Operations.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Friday, March 24, 2000, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-12, An Act to amend the Canada Labour Code (Part II) in respect of occupational health and safety, to make technical amendments to the Canada Labour Code (Part I) and to make consequential amendments to other Acts (See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, May 9, 2000, Meeting No. 28).

The Committee proceeded to Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

Clause 1 carried.

On Clause 2,

Monique Guay moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 2, be amended

(a) by replacing lines 20 and 21 on page 1 with the following:

"to cause injury or illness to a person exposed to it, including a woman who is pregnant or nursing and to the foetus of a pregnant woman, before the hazard or condition can be"

(b) by replacing line 25 on page 1 with the following:

"or activity and includes any exposure to working conditions that are likely to be dangerous to nursing mothers and any exposure to a"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Pat Martin moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 2, be amended by deleting lines 17 to 23, on page 2.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 2, as amended, carried.

Clause 3 carried.

Clause 4 carried.

On Clause 5,

Pat Martin moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 5, be amended by replacing line 42 on page 6 with the following:

"safety representatives receive 120 hours of pre-"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 5.

Pat Martin moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 5, be amended by adding after line 7 on page 9 the following:

"(z.20) make special provisions for the protection of the health and safety of employees working alone."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 2; NAYS: 6.

Clause 5 carried.

Clause 6 carried.

Clause 7 carried.

On Clause 8,

Pat Martin moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 8, be amended by replacing line 15 on page 12 with the following:

"circumstance in a work place that constitutes a contravention of this Act or is likely"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 6.

Pat Martin moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 8, be amended by deleting lines 33 to 35 on page 12.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on division.

Clause 8, as amended, carried.

Clause 9 carried.

On Clause 10,

Pat Martin moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 10, be amended by adding after line 34 on page 21 the following:

"(3.1) For greater certainty, once a risk to the health of the employee or of the foetus or child is established, the provisions of Division VII of Part III of this Act shall apply."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 5.

Monique Guay moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 10, be amended by deleting lines 25 to 28 on page 25.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 2; NAYS: 4.

Monique Guay moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 10, be amended

- (a) by replacing lines 29 and 30 on page 25 with the following:
- "(3) On receipt of a joint request from the parties that is submitted in the form and manner"
- (b) by replacing line 38 on page 25 with the following:

"order, exempt them from the require-"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 2; NAYS: 4.

Pat Martin moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 10, be amended by deleting lines 29 to 39 on page 25.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived: YEAS: 2; NAYS: 5.

Pat Martin moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 10, be amended by replacing line 2 on page 29 with the following:

"during regular working hours at least twelve"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS; 5.

Clause 10 carried.

At 12:43 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:50 p.m., the sitting resumed.

On Clause 11,

Monique Guay moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 11, be amended by replacing line 12 on page 36 with the following:

"following an open competition under the *Public Service Employment Act* to hold office during pleasure."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 5.

Monique Guay moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 11, be amended by replacing line 18 on page 36 with the following:

"employers of those employees, and the chairperson and the others shall be designated following an open competition under the *Public Service Employment Act*."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 4.

Monique Guay moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 11, be amended by replacing lines 19 to 21 on page 36 with the following:

"(2.1) The Minister may, following an open competition under the *Public Service Employment Act* appoint any person as an alternate"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 2; NAYS: 4.

Monique Guay moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 11, be amended by replacing lines 27 to 31 on page 36 with the following:

"(3) The manner of selection of the members of the Commission, including the chairperson, shall be determined in accordance with the *Public Service Employment Act*."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 4.

Monique Guay moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 11, be amended by adding after line 31 on page 36 the following:

"(3.1) The term of office of the members of the Commission, including the chairperson and an alternate chairperson shall be fixed, by regulation, by the Public Service Commission."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 4.

Monique Guay moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 11, be amended by replacing lines 43 to 45 on page 36 with the following:

"including the chairperson and an alternate chairperson, shall be paid the remuneration that shall be fixed by the Treasury Board and subject to the"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS

: 2; NAYS: 4.

Monique Guay moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 11, be amended by replacing line 11 on page 37 with the following:

"Minister for cause on the recommendation of such committee of the House of Commons as may be established or designated by that House to consider matters relating to human resources."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 2; NAYS: 3.

Clause 11 carried on division.

Clause 12 carried.

On Clause 13,

Monique Guay moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 13, be amended by replacing lines 1 to 4 on page 38 with the following:

"(1.1) Persons appointed to those committees may be paid the remuneration fixed by the Treasury Board and, in accordance with any applica-"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 5.

Monique Guay moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 13, be amended by replacing line 12 on page 38 with the following:

"Part applies and may appoint, from a list of persons recommended by the Public Service Commissions, one or more"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 2; NAYS: 4.

Monique Guay moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 13, be amended by replacing line 16 on page 38 with the following:

"(5) The Minister shall publish the results of"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 5.

Clause 13 carried on division.

On Clause 14,

Pat Martin moved, -- That, Bill C-12, in Clause 14, be amended by deleting lines 25 to 37 on page 38.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 5.

Monique Guay moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 14, be amended by replacing line 1 on page 39 with the following:

"140. (1) The Minister may, following an open competition under the *Public Service Employment Act*, designate as a"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 4.

Monique Guay moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 14, be amended by replacing line 20 on page 46 with the following:

"145.1 (1) The Minister may, following an open competition under the *Public Service Employment Act*, designate as an"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Pat Martin moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 14, be amended by replacing lines 29 to 31 on page 48 with the following:

"146.3 The decision of the regional health and safety officer may be appealed to the Board within thirty days after the date of the decision and, unless otherwise ordered by the Board, the appeal does not operate as a stay of the decision."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 5.

Pat Martin moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 14, be amended by replacing lines 27 to 33 on page 49 with the following:

"147.1 (1) An employer may, after all the investigations and appeals have been exhausted by the employee who has exercised rights under sections 128 and 129, take disciplinary action against the employee who the employer can demonstrate has wilfully abused those rights."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Monique Guay moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 14, be amended by replacing lines 10 to 30 on page 50 with the following:

- "(2) Every person who contravenes a provision of this Part the direct result of which is the death of an employee is guilty of a criminal offence and liable
- (a) if the offender is an individual, to imprisonment for life and to a minimum of punishment of imprisonment for a term of seven years;
- (b) if the offender is a corporation, to a fine of not more than \$10,000,000.
- (2.1) Every person who contravenes a provision of this Part the direct result of which is serious illness of or serious injury to an employee is guilty of an offence and liable
- (a) on conviction on indictment, to a fine of not more than \$5,000,000 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than two years, or to both; or
- (b) on summary conviction, to a fine of not more than \$5,000,000.
- (3) Every person who wilfully contravenes a provision of this Part knowing that the contravention is likely to cause the death of an employee is guilty of an offence and liable
- (a) on conviction on indictment, to a fine of not more than \$10,000,000 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than seven years, or to both; or

(b) on summary conviction, to a fine of not more than \$10,000,000.

(3.1) Every person who wilfully contravenes a provision of this Part knowing that the contravention is likely to cause serious illness of or serious injury to an employee is guilty of an offence and liable (a) on conviction on indictment, to a fine of not more than \$5,000,000 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than two years, or to both; or

(b) on summary conviction, to a fine of not more than \$5,000,000."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 5.

Pat Martin moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 14, be amended by adding after line 31 on page 50 the following:

"(3.1) When imposing a sentence, the court shall ensure that the sentence does not cause the loss of employment of any of the offender's employees."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 2; NAYS: 6.

Monique Guay moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 14, be amended by adding after line 10 on page 51 the following:

"148.1 The proceeds of every fine imposed under section 148 belongs to her Majesty in right of Canada and shall be paid by the person who receives it to the Minister who shall use the money to establish and maintain one or more occupational health and safety training programs."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 2; NAYS: 6.

Monique Guay moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 14, be amended by adding after line 10 on page 51 the following:

"(7) No employer sentenced to pay a fine under this Part shall, in order to pay the fine, commit an act leading to the loss of employment of one of his or her employees.

(8) Every person who commits the offence described in subsection (7) is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term of not more than two years."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 2; NAYS: 6.

Clause 14, as amended, carried on division.

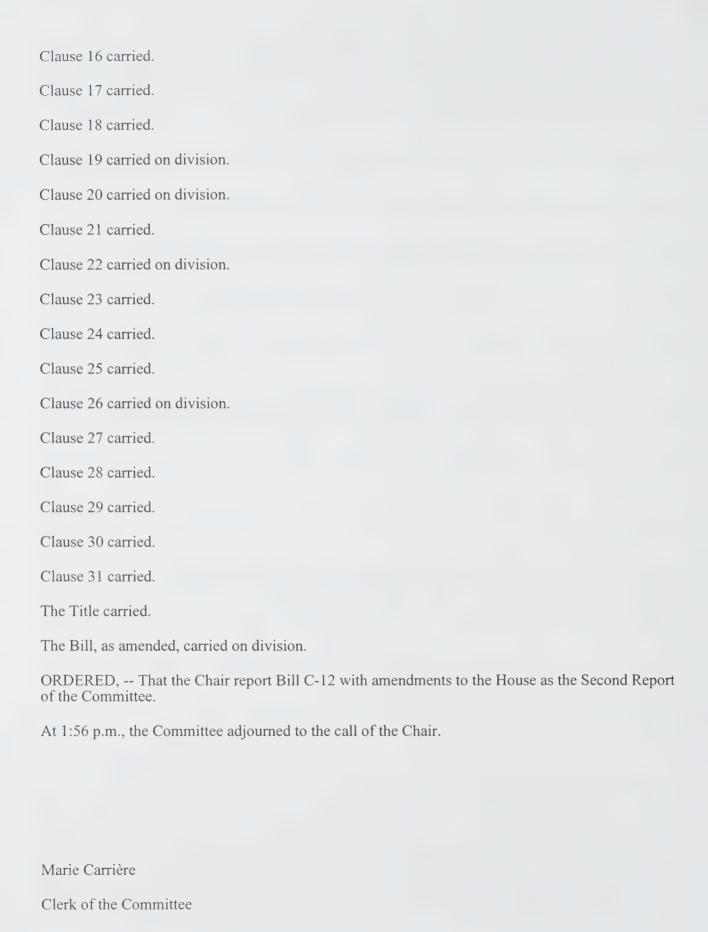
On Clause 15,

Monique Guay moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 15, be amended by replacing lines 15 and 16 on page 51 with the following:

"except with the consent of the Attorney General of Canada."

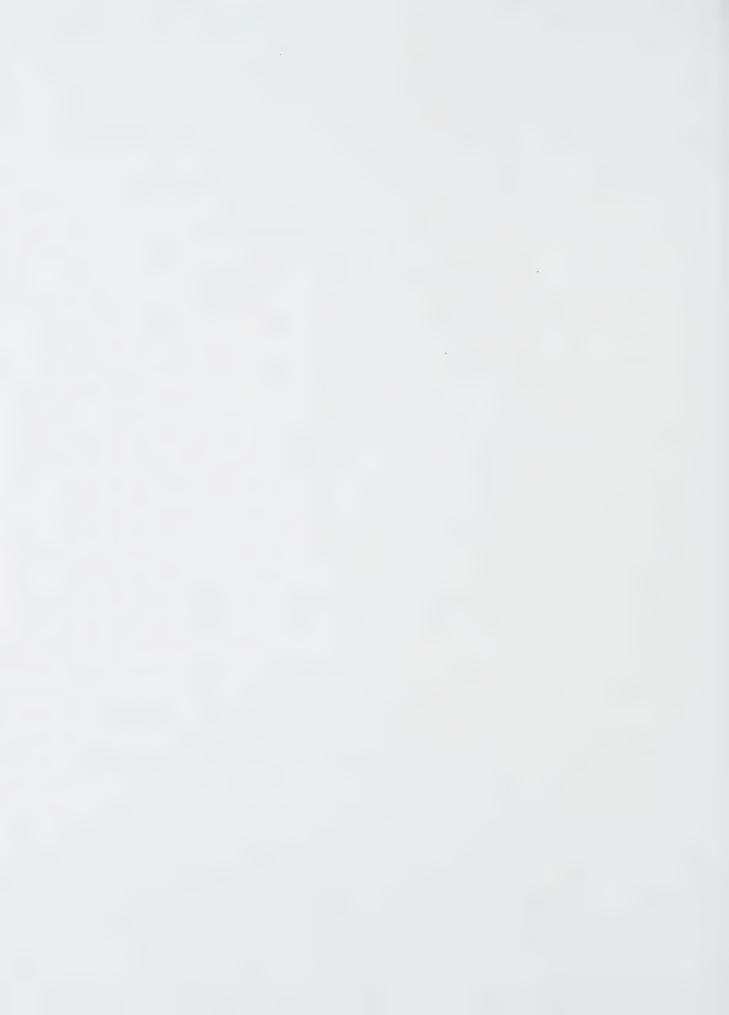
The question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 6.

Clause 15 carried on division.



Richard Dupuis

Legislative Clerk



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, May 16, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-11, An Act to authorize the divestiture of the assets of, and to dissolve, the Cape Breton Development Corporation, to amend the Cape Breton Development Corporation Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

APPEARING:

Honourable Ralph E. Goodale, Minister of Natural Resources

WITNESSES:

Cape Breton Development Corporation:

Merrill Buchanan, Acting President;

Joe Shannon, Chairman of the Board.

Department of Natural Resources Canada:

Norman Bayne, Senior Counsel, Legal Services;

Robert Lomas, Senior Commodities Specialist, Minerals and Metal Sector.







Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, May 16, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Serge Cardin, David Chatters, Tony Ianno, Carolyn Parrish, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Brent St. Denis and Joseph Volpe.

Acting Members present: Michelle Dockrill for Yvon Godin; Gerald Keddy for Gilles Bernier; Darrell Stinson for Werner Schmidt; Peter Mancini for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Grant Purves, Research Officer.

Appearing: From the Department of Natural Resources: Ralph Goodale, Minister of Natural Resources.

Witnesses: From the Department of Natural Resources: Linda Keen, Assistant Deputy Minister, Minerals & Metals Sector; Robert Lomas, Senior Commodity Specialist, Minerals & Metals Sector; Norman Bayne, Senior Counsel, Legal Services. From the Cape Breton Development Corporation: Joe Shannon, Chairman of the Board; Merrill Buchanan, Acting President.

The Order of Reference dated Monday, May 8, 2000, being now read as follows:

ORDERED, -- That Bill C-11, An Act to authorize the divestiture of the assets of, and to dissolve, the Cape Breton Development Corporation, to amend the Cape Breton Development Corporation Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations.

In accordance with Standing Order 75(1), Clause 1 was postponed.

The Chair called Clause 2.

The Minister made a statement and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:47 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:48 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Joe Shannon made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, May 16, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-11, An Act to authorize the divestiture of the assets of, and to dissolve, the Cape Breton Development Corporation, to amend the Cape Breton Development Corporation Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

WITNESSES:

Canadian Auto Workers Union:

Kenneth Greene, Vice-president, Local 4504.

Canadian Union of Public Employees:

Leo Gracie, Vice-president, Local 2046.

International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers in Canada:

Ricky Wiseman, General Chairman, Local 684.

United Mineworkers of America:

Stephen J. Drake, President, District 26.







Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, May 16, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 7:00 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Gilles Bernier, Serge Cardin, David Chatters, John Duncan, Yvon Godin, Tony Ianno, Ghislain Lebel, Carolyn Parrish, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Werner Schmidt, Guy St-Julien, Brent St. Denis, Tony Valeri and Joseph Volpe.

Acting Members present: Judi Longfield for Carolyn Parrish; Peter Mancini for Yvon Godin.

Associate Member Present: Michelle Dockrill.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Grant Purves, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the United Mine Workers of America: Steve Drake, President, District 26. From the Canadian Union of Public Employees: Leo Gracie, Vice-President, Local 2046. From the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers in Canada: Ricky Wiseman, General Chairman, Local 684. From the Canadian Auto Workers Union: Kenneth Greene, Vice-President, Local 4504.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Monday, May 8, 2000, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-11, An Act to authorize the divestiture of the assets of, and to dissolve, the Cape Breton Development Corporation, to amend the Cape Breton Development Corporation Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts (See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, May 16, 2000, Meeting No. 32).

On Clause 2

Each of the witnesses made an opening statement.

At 7:58 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 8:05 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 8:47 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière

Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 34

Wednesday, May 17, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-11, An Act to authorize the divestiture of the assets of, and to dissolve, the Cape Breton Development Corporation, to amend the Cape Breton Development Corporation Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

WITNESSES:

Cape Breton District Labour Council:

Kevin McNamara, President.

Cape Breton Island Building and Construction Trades Council:

John Hugh Edwards, Advisor.

Cape Breton Miners Development Co-operative Ltd.:

Kevin Murphy, Vice-President.

Cape Breton Regional Municipality:

David N. Muise, Mayor.

Devco Pensioners:

Sam Boutilier, President.



Northside Futures:

Kathy Baker, Chair;

Faith Carter, Co-Chair.

Nova Scotia Power Inc.:

Murray Coolican, Vice-President, Public Affairs.

United Families:

Edna Budden, Chairperson.



Meeting No. 34

Wednesday, May 17, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 6:31 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Chatters, Carolyn Parrish, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Brent St. Denis and Joseph Volpe.

Acting Members present: Ghislain Fournier for Serge Cardin and Peter Mancini for Yvon Godin.

Associate Member present: Michelle Dockrill.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Grant Purves, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Cape Breton District Labour Council: Kevin McNamara, President. From the Cape Breton Regional Municipality: David Muise, Mayor. From Cape Breton Miners Development Co-operative Ltd.: Kevin Murphy, Vice-President. From Northside Futures: Kathy Baker, President. From Devco Pensioners: Sam Boutilier, President. From United Families: Edna Budden, President. From Nova Scotia Power Inc.: Murray Cookican, Vice-President, Public Affairs; Peter Kinnear, Director, Government Relations and Economic Development.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Monday, May 8, 2000, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-11, An Act to authorize the divestiture of the assets of, and to dissolve, the Cape Breton Development Corporation, to amend the Cape Breton Development Corporation Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts (See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, May 16, 2000, Meeting No. 32).

The witnesses from Northside Futures, Devco Pensioners, United Families and David Muise each made a statement and together answered questions.

At 7:56 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 8:07 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 8:09 p.m., Julian Reed (Vice-Chair) took the Chair.

Kevin McNamara, Kevin Murphy, John Hugh Edwards and Murray Coolican each made a statement and answered questions.

At 9:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 35

Tuesday, May 30, 2000

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-11, An Act to authorize the divestiture of the assets of, and to dissolve, the Cape Breton Development Corporation, to amend the Cape Breton Development Corporation Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

Report of Bill C-11 with no amendment to the House as the Third Report of the Committee

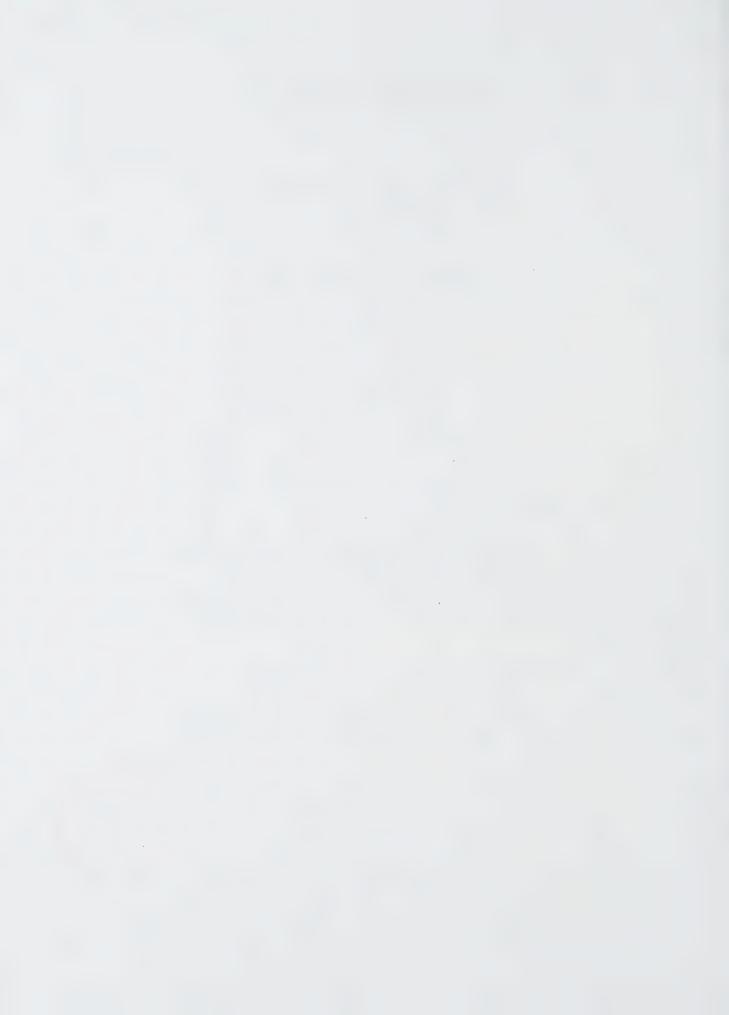
WITNESSES:

Department of Natural Resources Canada:

Norman Bayne, Senior Counsel, Legal Services;

Robert Lomas, Senior Commodity Specialist, Minerals and Metals Sector.







Meeting No. 35

Tuesday, May 30, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Serge Cardin, David Chatters, John Duncan, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Guy St-Julien, Brent St. Denis, Tony Valeri and Joseph Volpe.

Acting Members present: Gerald Keddy for Gilles Bernier; Peter Mancini for Yvon Godin; Sue Barnes for Carolyn Parrish, Murray Calder for Julian Reed.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Grant Purves, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Natural Resources: Robert Lomas, Senior Commodity Specialist, Minerals & Metals Sector; Norman Bayne, Senior Counsel, Legal Services.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Monday, May 8, 2000, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-11, An Act to authorize the divestiture of the assets of, and to dissolve, the Cape Breton Development Corporation, to amend the Cape Breton Development Corporation Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts (See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, May 16, 2000, Meeting No. 32).

By unanimous consent, Peter Mancini moved -- That, the Committee hold hearings on Bill C-11 in the communities of Cape Breton, and more particularly, in communities where DEVCO has operated mines within the last three (3) years.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 6.

In accordance with Standing Order 75(1), consideration of Clause 1 was postponed.

On Clause 2,

John Duncan moved, -- That Bill C-11, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 17 on page 1 the following:

"(3) The Auditor General shall review any successful and alternate bids submitted to or accepted by the Governor in Council with respect to the sale of assets set out in subsection (1) and shall report to Parliament within one year of the successful disposition of The Cape Breton Development Corporation, while maintaining the necessary confidentiality of business interests."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS: Serge Cardin, David Chatters, John Duncan, Gerald Keddy, Peter Mancini.--5

NAYS: Sue Barnes, Réginald Bélair, Julian Reed, Guy St-Julien, Brent St.Denis, Tony Valeri.--6

Clause 2, carried, on the following division:

YEAS: Reginald Bélair, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Guy St-Julien, Brent St.Denis, Tony Valeri.--6

NAYS: Serge Cardin, David Chatters, John Duncan, Gerald Keddy, Peter Mancini.--5

On Clause 3.

Peter Mancini moved, -- That Bill C-11, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing line 19 on page 1 with the following:

"proceeding, including a proceeding before a tribunal, an arbitrator or arbitration board, in respect of an obligation or"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS: Serge Cardin, David Chatters, John Duncan, Gerald Keddy, Peter Mancini.--5

NAYS: Réginald Bélair, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Guy St-Julien, Brent St.Denis, Tony Valeri.--6

Peter Mancini moved, -- That Bill C-11, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing line 2 on page 2 with the following:

"ing. including a proceeding before a tribunal, an arbitrator or arbitration board, to which the Corporation is party that is"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS : Serge Cardin, David Chatters, John Duncan, Gerald Keddy, Peter Mancini.--5

NAYS: Réginald Bélair, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Guy St-Julien, Brent St.Denis, Tony Valeri -- 6

Clause 3 carried on division.

Clause 4 carried on division.

Clause 5 carried on division.

Clause 6 carried on division.

Clause 7 carried on division.

On Clause 8.

Peter Mancini moved, -- That Bill C-11, in Clause 8, be amended by adding after line 22 on page 3 the following:

"(1.1) Section 4 of the Act is amended by adding the following:

(4) At least one director shall be a member of the Devco Pensioners' Association, or a former employee of the Corporation who was during the course of his or her employment a member of a trade union."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS: Serge Cardin, David Chatters, John Duncan, Gerald Keddy, Peter Mancini.--5

NAYS : Réginald Bélair, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Guy St-Julien, Brent St.Denis, Tony Valeri.--6

Peter Mancini moved, -- That Bill C-11, in Clause 8, be amended by adding after line 22 on page 3 the following:

"(1.1) Section 4 of the Act is amended by adding the following:

(4) At least three directors shall be residents of the Island of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS: Serge Cardin, David Chatters, John Duncan, Gerald Keddy, Peter Mancini.--5

NAYS : Réginald Bélair, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Guy St-Julien, Brent St.Denis, Tony Valeri.--6

Peter Mancini moved, -- That Bill C-11, in Clause 8, be amended by adding after line 41 on page 3 the following:

"(4) At least one director shall be a member of the Devco Pensioners' Association, or a former employee of the Corporation who was during the course of his or her employment a member of a trade union."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS: Serge Cardin, David Chatters, John Duncan, Gerald Keddy, Peter Mancini.--5

NAYS: Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Guy St-Julien, Brent St.Denis, Tony Valeri.--5

Whereupon, the Chairman voted in the negative.

Accordingly, the amendment was negatived.

Peter Mancini moved, -- That Bill C-11, in Clause 8, be amended by adding after line 41 on page 3 the following:

"(4) At least three directors shall be residents of the Island of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS: Serge Cardin, John Duncan, Gerald Keddy, Peter Mancini.--4

NAYS: Réginald Bélair, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Guy St-Julien, Brent St.Denis, Tony Valeri.--6

Clause 8 carried on division.

Clause 9 carried on division.

Clause 10 carried on division.

On Clause 11.

Gerald Keddy moved, -- That Bill C-11, in Clause 11, be amended by adding after line 27 on page 4 the following:

"(3) The by-law of the Corporation shall provide that if a person contracts pneumoconiosis as a result of the person's employment by the Corporation, the person and his or her dependants shall be entitled, for the remainder of the person's life, to the health insurance benefits that were provided as part of the terms and conditions of the person's employment."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS: Serge Cardin, John Duncan, Gerald Keddy, Peter Mancini.--4

NAYS: Réginald Bélair, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Guy St-Julien, Brent St.Denis, Tony Valeri.--6

Clause 11 carried, on division.

On Clause 12.

John Duncan moved, -- That Bill C-11, in Clause 12, be amended by adding after line 10 in page 5

the following:

"17. The Corporation shall, alone or in conjunction with the Government of Canada or of Nova Scotia or any agency of either of those governments, take all reasonable measures to reduce the unemployment or economic hardship that may result from the closure or reduction of coal mining or related operations."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following division:

YEAS: Serge Cardin, John Duncan, Gerald Keddy, Peter Mancini.--4

NAYS: Réginald Bélair, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Guy St-Julien, Brent St.Denis, Tony Valeri.--6

Peter Mancini moved, -- That Bill C-11, in Clause 12, be amended by adding after line 10 on page 5 the following:

"17. The Corporation shall ensure that all reasonable measures have been adopted by it, either alone or in conjunction with the Government of Canada or of Nova Scotia or any agency of either of those governments, to reduce, as far as possible, any unemployment or economic hardship that can be expected to result from the closing or reduction of the production of coal from any coal mine operated by the Corporation."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS: Serge Cardin, John Duncan, Gerald Keddy, Peter Mancini.--4

NAYS : Réginald Bélair, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Guy St-Julien, Brent St.Denis, Tony Valeri.--6

John Duncan moved, -- That Bill C-11, in Clause 12, be amended by adding after line 10 on page 5 the following:

"17. The Corporation shall, alone or in conjunction with the Government of Canada or of Nova Scotia or any agency of either of those governments, take all reasonable measures to reduce the unemployment or economic hardship that may result from the closure or reduction of coal mining or related operations."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS: Serge Cardin, John Duncan, Gerald Keddy, Peter Mancini.--4

NAYS : Réginald Bélair, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Guy St-Julien, Brent St.Denis, Tony Valeri.--6

Clause 12 carried, on division.

On Clause 13,

Gerald Keddy moved, -- That Bill C-11, in Clause 13, be amended

- (a) by replacing line 13 on page 5 with the following:
- "18. (1) The Corporation shall by by-law pro-"
- (b) by adding after line 23 on page 5 the following:
- "(2) The by-law referred to in subsection (1) shall, as a minimum standard, provide that a pension shall be paid to a person referred to in that subsection who has been employed for 20 years or more by the Corporation and who becomes unemployed as a result of the reduction or closure of any of the Corporation's coal mining operations or any of its related works or undertakings."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS: Serge Cardin, John Duncan, Gerald Keddy, Peter Mancini.--4

NAYS: Réginald Bélair, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Guy St-Julien, Brent St.Denis, Tony Valeri.--6

Peter Mancini moved, -- That Bill C-11, in Clause 13, be amended

- (a) by replacing line 13 on page 5 with the following:
- "18. (1) The Corporation shall by by-law pro-"
- (b) by adding after line 23 on page 5 the following:
- "(2) The by-law shall provide that a person selected by the Devco Pensioners' Association shall be a member of the board or committee that is charged with managing the pension fund."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS: John Duncan, Gerald Keddy, Peter Mancini.--3

NAYS : Réginald Bélair, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Guy St-Julien, Brent St.Denis, Tony Valeri.--6

Clause 13 carried, on division.

On Clause 14,

Peter Mancini moved, -- That Bill C-11, in Clause 14, be amended by replacing lines 39 and 40 on page 5 with the following:

"and meetings of the Board shall be held there."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS: John Duncan, Gerald Keddy, Peter Mancini.--3

NAYS : Réginald Bélair, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Guy St-Julien, Brent St.Denis, Tony Valeri.--6

Clause 14 carried, on division.

Clause 15 carried, on division.

Clause 16 carried, on division.

Clause 17 carried, on division.

Clause 18 carried, on division.

Clause 19 carried, on division.

Clause 20 carried, on division.

Clause 21 carried, on division.

Clause 22 carried, on division.

Clause 23 carried, on division.

Clause 1 carried, on division.

The Title carried, on division.

The Bill carried, on the following division:

YEAS: Réginald Bélair, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Guy St-Julien, Brent St.Denis, Tony Valeri.--6

NAYS: John Duncan, Peter Mancini.--2

ORDERED, -- That the Chair report Bill C-11 with no amendment to the House as the Third Report of the Committee.

At 1:56 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière Wayne Cole Clerk of the Committee Legislative Clerk

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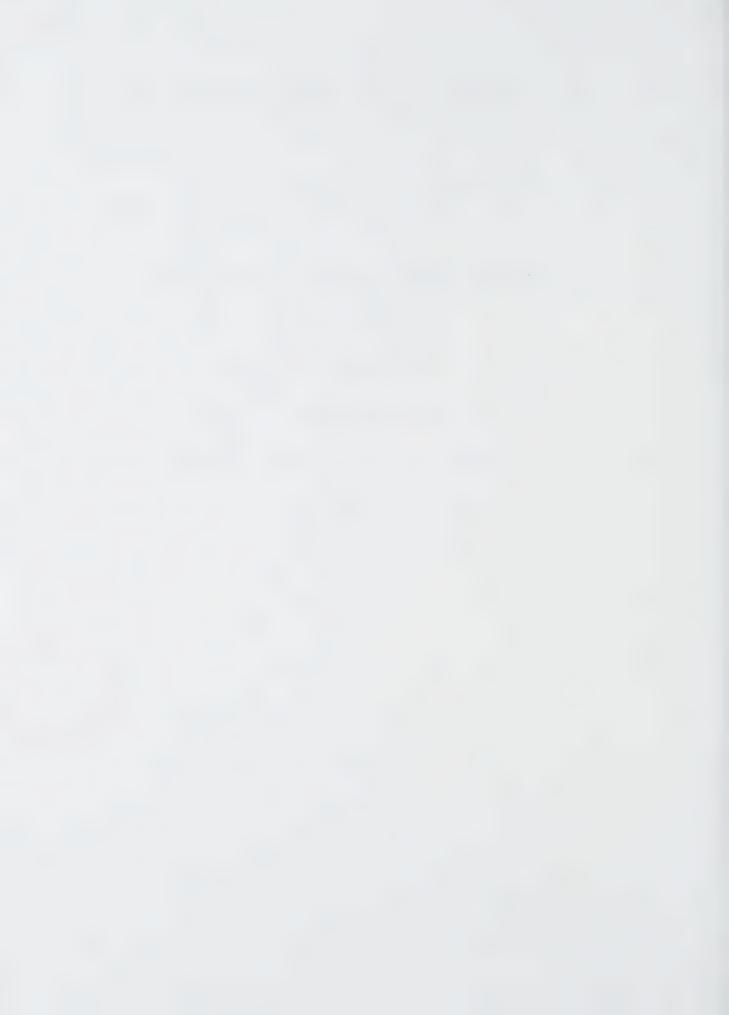
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Meeting No. 36

Thursday, June 1, 2000

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Meeting No. 36

Thursday, June 1st, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met *in camera* at 11:20 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, John Duncan, Guy St-Julien, Brent St. Denis and Joseph Volpe.

Witness: From the Parliamentary Research Branch Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue.

The Committee considered a draft workplan for the draft report to the House.

At 1:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière Clerk of the Committee



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Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, June 6, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue and questions on the Softwood Lumber Agreement

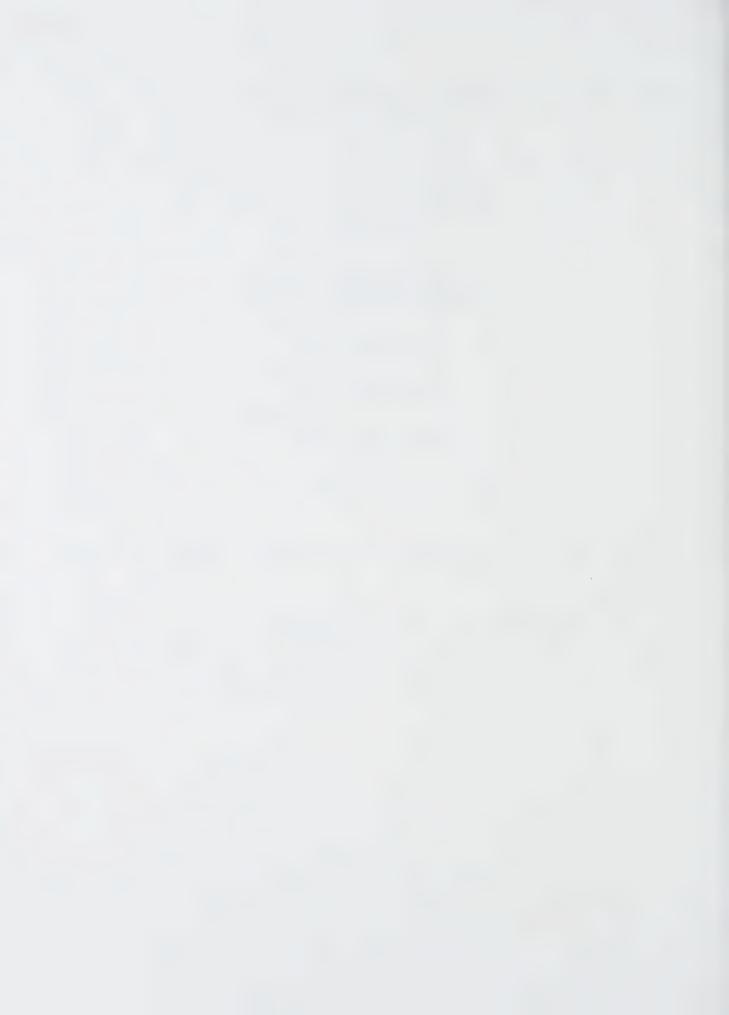
WITNESSES:

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada:

Richard D. Ballhorn, Director General, International Environmental Affairs Bureau;

Wallace Dowswell, Director General, Export and Import Control Bureau.







Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, June 6, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Vice-Chair, Julian Reed, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Serge Cardin, Yvon Godin, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Werner Schmidt, Guy St-Julien and Brent St. Denis.

Acting Members present: Gerald Keddy for Gilles Bernier; Joe Comuzzi for Tony Valeri.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, Research Officer.

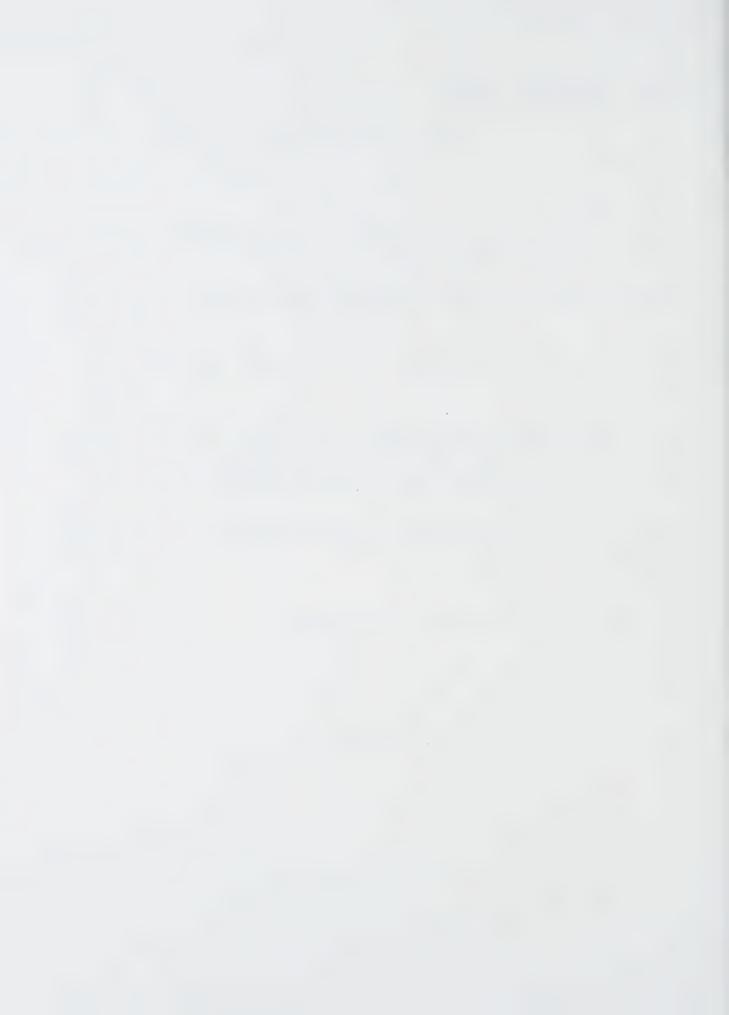
Witnesses: From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Richard D. Ballhorn, Director General, International Environmental Affairs Bureau; Wallace Dowswell, Director General, Export and Import Control Bureau; Greg Graham, Co-ordinator, International Forestry Partnership Program, Communications Programs and Outreach Division. From the Department of Natural Resources: Dan Welsh, Ph.D, Director of Programs, Industry, Economics and Programs Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue and questions on the Softwood Lumber Agreement.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 12:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière Clerk of the Committee



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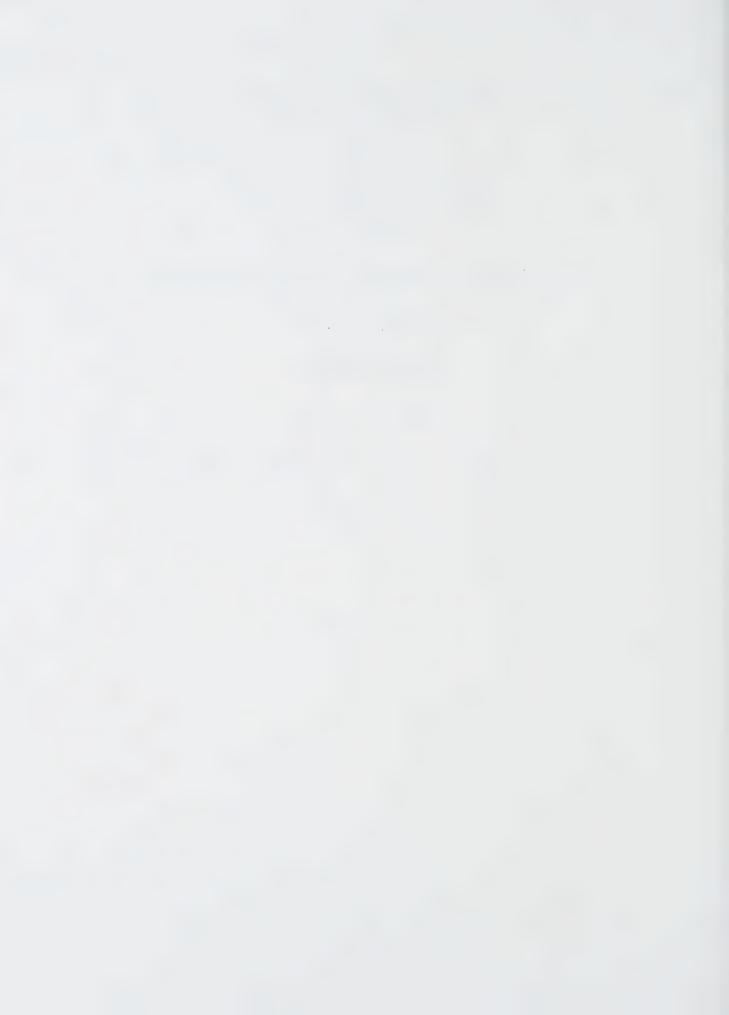
Chair: Joseph Volpe, Lib.

Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, June 13, 2000

IN CAMERA







Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, June 13, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met *in camera* at 11:20 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Serge Cardin, John Duncan, Yvon Godin, Carolyn Parrish, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Werner Schmidt, Guy St-Julien, Brent St. Denis and Joseph Volpe.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages and Tim Williams, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study of Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue.

On motion of Mr. Schmidt, it was agreed, - That in view of the apparent discrepancy among the provinces in the level of sponsorship money given in each province and territory by the Federal Government, that the Committee study and report back to the House on this matter, that the Honourable Alfonso Gagliano Minister of Public Works and Government Services be invited to appear to explain the reasons for this discrepancy.

The Committee resumed consideration of its draft report.

At 1:55 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:11 p.m., the Committee resumed consideration of its draft report.

At 5:21 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Miriam Burke Committee Clerk



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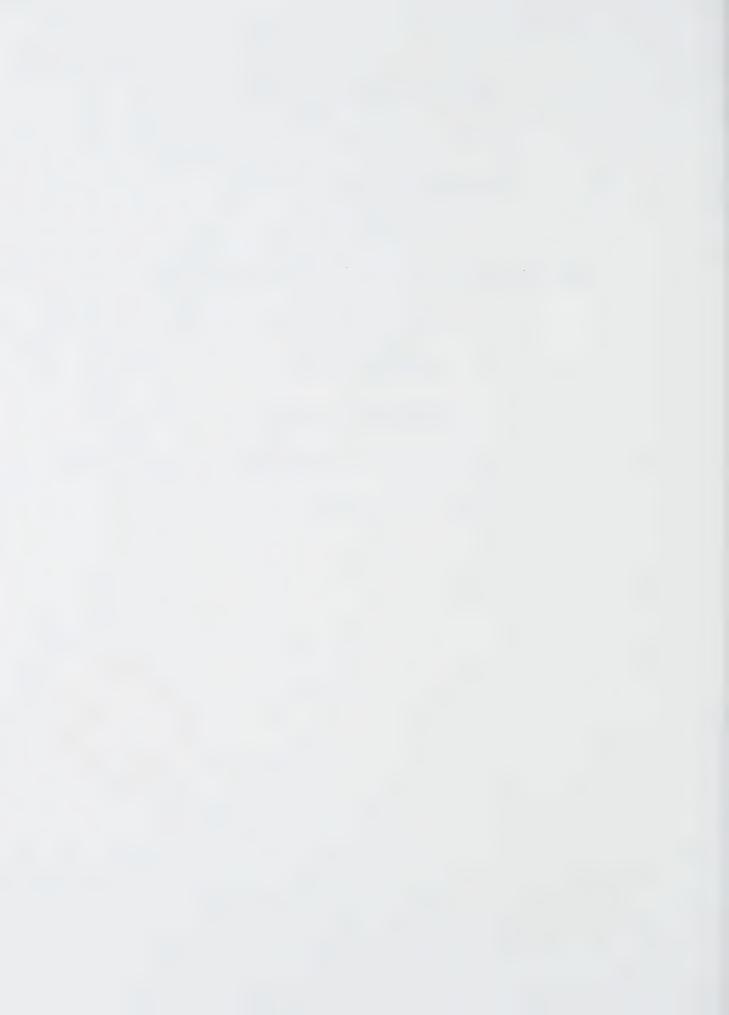
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Meeting No. 39

Wednesday, June 14, 2000

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Meeting No. 39

Wednesday, June 14, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met *in camera* at 4:15 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Joseph Volpe, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réginald Bélair, Serge Cardin, John Duncan, Yvon Godin, Carmen Provenzano, Julian Reed, Guy St-Julien, Brent St. Denis and Joseph Volpe.

Acting Member present: Robert Wood for Carolyn Parrish.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages and Tim Williams, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on Canadian Forest Management Practices as an International Trade Issue.

The Committee resumed consideration of its draft report.

At 5:37 p.m. the Committee suspended proceedings.

At 6:35 p.m., the Committee resumed proceedings.

At 7:00 p.m., the Committee suspended proceedings.

At 7:15 p.m., the Committee resumed proceedings.

It was agreed, - That the draft Report as amended be adopted as the Committee's Fourth Report to the House and that the Chair be instructed to present it to the House.

It was agreed, - That the Chair be instructed to table the Fourth Report with the Clerk of the House while the House stands adjourned.

It was agreed, - That the title of the Report be "Forest management practices in Canada as an international trade issue (final report)".

It was agreed, - That the Chair be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

It was agreed, - That the Committee print 550 copies of its Fourth Report in tumble bilingual format with a distinctive cover and colour highlights.

It was agreed, - That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the government table a comprehensive response to the Report.

At 9:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Miriam Burke Committee Clerk





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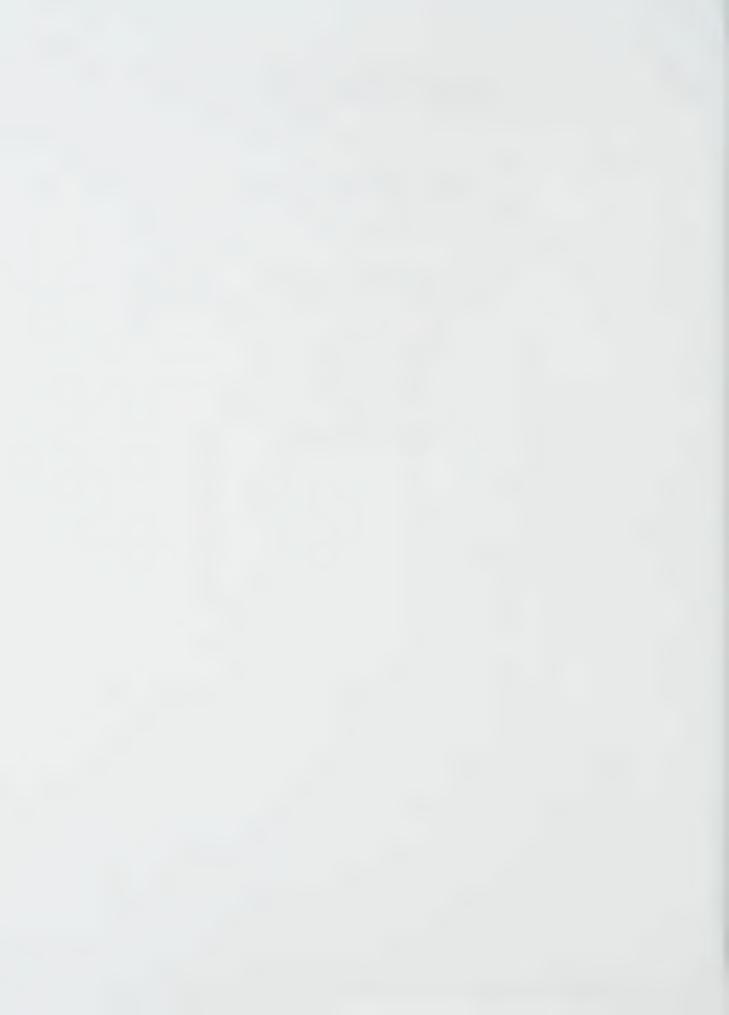
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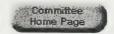
Thursday, October 5, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of Chair and Vice-Chairs









Meeting No. 40

Thursday, October 5, 2000

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Government Operations met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block.

Members of the Committee present: Serge Cardin, Ghislain Lebel, Werner Schmidt, Alex Shepherd, Diane St-Jacques, Paul Szabo and Joseph Volpe.

Acting Members present: Mark Assad for Guy St-Julien and Robert Bertrand for Julian Reed.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages; research officer.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 106(1) and 106(2), Election of Chair and Vice-Chairs.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Chair.

On motion of Robert Bertrand and seconded by Werner Schmidt, it was agreed, -- That, Joseph Volpe do take the Chair as Chair of the Committee.

Joseph Volpe took the Chair.

On motion of Mark Assad and seconded by Robert Bertrand, it was agreed, -- That Julian Reed be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee in absentia.

On motion of Alex Shepherd and seconded by Paul Szabo, it was agreed, -- That Werner Schmidt be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

At 3:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Diotte

Clerk of the Committee







